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Seventy-Five Cents



DAWSON SPRINGS school buses line up to unload children returning to school Tuesday, Oct. 15, following a week off for fall break.

STATE SCORES ARE GOING UP OVERALL

Scores Are Improving At D.S.H.S.; Middle, Elementary Shows Decline

According to data released Sept. 27 by the Kentucky Department of Education, student performance, college/career-readiness and the number of students graduating from high school are improving.

“The statewide data clearly show we are making progress, though slower than we would like,” Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday said in a release. “We’ve raised expectations and aligned them with what students need to be successful; we are moving in the right direction toward the goal of providing a world-class education for every Kentucky student and ensuring all children graduate college/career-ready.”

Overall student performance showed improvement from 2012

with the percentage of proficient and distinguished students increasing in nearly every subject at every grade level; students in groups that have historically had achievement gaps are also performing at a higher level.

Since Senate Bill 1 passed in 2009, the state has focused on better preparing students for life after high school. In 2013, the college/career readiness rate jumped to 54.1 percent — up from 34 percent in 2010.

“In just three years, we’ve gone from only a third of our students being ready for college and career to more than half,” Holliday said.

Also, more students are getting a diploma. The state is using a new, more accurate way to mea-

sure graduation rate that shows 86 percent of students are graduating from high school in four years.

Based on an improvement in overall scores from 2012, 114 more schools and 31 more districts are performing at the highest levels — classified as either proficient or distinguished. A total of 641 schools and 63 districts met the requirements to be considered progressing, a new label under the system this year, indicating that a school met its Annual Measurable Objective, met its annual graduation goals and tested at least 95 percent of its students in every student group.

Public schools and districts earn points, on a scale of 0 to 100, based on how well they do on up

to five components of this year’s accountability system. The points are weighted to determine an overall accountability score. On average, the statewide score improved slightly more than two points to 57.3 in 2013.

The Dawson Springs Independent School District received a mixed bag of results when the scores were released last month. The district’s overall accountability score was 58.3, placing it in the 69th percentile.

As a result of this percentile ranking, the district is in the category of needs improvement progressing. To be categorized proficient, the district would have to be

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Earthquake ShakeOut Tomorrow

From Kentucky Press News Service

Tomorrow communities in 10 states will take part in the fourth Great Central U.S. ShakeOut multi-state earthquake drill. The ShakeOut is scheduled for 10:17 a.m. local time tomorrow. During the drill, millions of people simultaneously practice the recommended response to earthquake shaking, and drop, cover, and hold on:

—DROP to the ground,

—Take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table, or cover your head/neck with your arms, and,

—HOLD ON until the shaking stops.

Scientists estimate there is a 25-40 percent probability of a damaging earthquake occurring in the central U.S. within a 50-year window of time. The ShakeOut is designed to help individuals and communities get ready for these earthquakes, practice how to pro-

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High School Open House Is Monday

The fall open house for Dawson Springs Junior-Senior High School will be held Monday. The event will kick off at 4 p.m. in the multipurpose room with chili being served for students and parents.

From 4:45 until 7 p.m., teachers will conduct nine informational presentations with each presentation lasting 10 minutes. During the course of the evening, parents may

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TWO INCIDENTS, ONE FATALITY

Be Extra Careful When Driving By Highway Workers

Two incidents in as many days, one involving a fatality, point to the many hazards faced by highway crews as they go about their work.

On Oct. 10, a passenger vehicle struck the rear of a Kentucky Transportation Cabinet spray truck traveling along the Pennyrile Parkway in Hopkins County. The KYTC truck was traveling about 60 mph when the accident occurred. Though the passenger vehicle ran into the median, damage to both vehicles was minor and there were no injuries.

However, a similar incident on the Purchase Parkway Oct. 9 resulted in the death of a Marshall County man when his pickup struck a KYTC District 1 vehicle near Mayfield in Graves county.

The KYTC flatbed truck, with a mounted spray tank, was traveling about 15 mph while a crew sprayed herbicide along the Purchase Parkway median. The spray truck was

trailed by a KYTC safety truck with an illuminated arrow, other caution lights and a “crash cushion.”

The driver of the pickup passed the safety vehicle on the right side but then steered back into the left lane and crashed into the rear of the spray truck. The pickup driver died at the scene. The driver of the spray truck and a passenger were transported to Jackson Purchase Medical Center for treatment of non life-threatening injuries.

KYTC District 2 safety coordinator Shelley Singleton said having two similar incidents in as many days is “unnerving” even for veteran employees who often work along Kentucky highways.

“All of our employees are aware of the hazards they face each day,” Singleton said. “These two near-identical incidents illustrate what

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PENNYRILE ASPHALT workers spent most of Monday, Oct. 7, milling streets on the south side of Dawson Springs.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

NUMBER OF COLLISIONS INCREASING

It’s Deer Season On Area Roads

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is joining area law enforcement agencies to remind motorists that the number of deer-vehicle collisions increases substantially during the last three months of the year as the fall crop harvest and mating season combine to put deer

on the move.

“Our highway crews are seeing an increase in the number of deer killed along our highways, indicating deer are starting to move. Deer-vehicle collisions always go up during October, November and December,” said KYTC District 2

chief engineer Kevin McClearn. “About half of all deer-related collisions are reported during the last quarter of the year when deer are on the move.”

Cooler evenings and shorter

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


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Danny Thomas Reich, 70

LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST				
Wed 10/16	Thu 10/17	Fri 10/18	Sat 10/19	Sun 10/20
 64/46 Cloudy with a few showers. High 64°F. Winds WNW at 5 to 10 mph.	 63/41 Occasional showers possible. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	 68/47 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	 66/41 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	 62/41 Sunny. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.

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Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Johnney C. McKinney Jr., 18, Charleston Road, was arrested Oct. 7 at the Dawson Springs Police Department. He was charged with leaving the scene of an accident/failure to render aid. Chief Bill Crider was the charging officer.

—Alan K. Parker, 43, Daylight Road, was arrested Oct. 7. He was charged with contempt of court (Hopkins County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Anthony L. Poindexter, 26, 313 Gateway Lane, Hopkinsville, was arrested Oct. 7 at 101 Baxter Ave., Apt. 8B. He was charged with contempt of court (Christian County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Larry T. Gamble, 72, Frederick Road, was arrested Oct. 7 on Frederick Road. He was charged with seven counts of theft by deception, cold checks under \$500 (Hopkins County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Jason L. Sharp, 31,

Dawson Road, Princeton, was arrested Oct. 8 at Springs Inn Motel, 207 E. Arcadia Avenue. He was charged with probation violation (Trigg County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Antony W. Clark, 19, 312 Mineral St., was arrested Oct. 9 on East Hall Street. He was charged with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury and violation of a Kentucky emergency protective order/domestic violence order. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Austin D. Bennett, 20, 5840 Housebridge Road, Corydon, was arrested Oct. 12. He was charged with operating on a suspended or revoked license, rear license not illuminated and possessing a license when privileges are revoked. Brad Ross was the charging officer.

A local woman was charged recently by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department:

—Amanda J. Forsythe, 30, Fork Springs Road, was charged Oct. 6 with failure to appear.



JAMIE FORD receives recognition for her volunteer service from acting superintendent Alexis Seymore at the volunteer appreciation breakfast Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Caldwell Woman Loses In Facebook Internet Scam

By Stacey Menser
The Times Leader

A Caldwell County woman has lost over \$1,300 in a scam and wants to warn others to be leery of Facebook "friends."

Donna Bell was not surprised to receive a message through Facebook from retired Caldwell County educator Dale Faughn.

She was, however, confused by the subject matter.

On Sept. 27, Bell received a message from Faughn asking if she had heard about the "United Nations Poverty Alleviation program."

According to the message, the program is designed to help "the old, retired, widowed, Disabled deaf and hearing (sic)."

The money, according to the message, was being distributed through the office of Senator Mary Landrieu (D-Louisiana), and select residents were being awarded \$100,000 through the program.

Bell exchanged several messages with Faughn, asking more specific details about the program.

He told her he had been awarded \$100,000 through the program and saw that her name, too, was on the list. He sent her a link where she had to go to claim her money.

Bell was apprehensive until she received a similar message from another Facebook friend, a Richard Deubler of Ohio. He too told her about the program, how he had been selected and thought her name was on the list as well.

That's when Bell visited the site and began the process of claiming her money.

She began receiving messages claiming to be from Sen. Landrieu at that point and was told that in order to have the \$100,000 transferred to her bank account, she had to pay a \$1,250 fee. In order to pay the fee, she had to send it through Western Union. The Western Union fee was \$111.

"So they got me for over \$1,300," said Bell, who became suspicious when her money did not arrive.

After many exchanges with the purported senator, she called Faughn.

"I received a call last Thursday and was told my name and picture were being used on Facebook," said Faughn, whose granddaughter, Stacy Faughn Piper investigated the site.

"Stacy indicated that it

was fraudulent," he said.

Faughn also received a call from Bell and learned that his name and image had been used in what was now becoming clear as a scam.

Faughn said he had "dropped off" Facebook, and the profile posted under his name is not him.

The messages that have been sent, as well as friend requests did not originate from him.

Bell also tried to make contact with Senator Landrieu's office to warn staff of the senator's name and image being used as part of this scam. She was, however, unable to reach anyone because of the government shutdown.

Bell said she sees little hope in recovering her money, but wants to warn others not to get caught in the same scam.

Deputy Chris Noel with the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department said Bell is one of two local victims he has learned of this week.

"Any time you feel you have been scammed or believe someone is attempting to scam you, please contact our office and we will try to verify if it is legitimate or not," said Noel.

Noel said in addition to helping individual scam victims, the sheriff's department wants citizens to contact them so that they may spread the word to the public and protect others from becoming potential victims.

The Princeton Police Department also received a recent report about an Internet scam involving "Mystery Shoppers."

"If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is," warned Rocky Howton, assistant chief of the Princeton Police Department.

Howton said those who have been involved in an Internet scam can visit www.ic3.gov, the Web site for the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), which partners with the FBI.

Nine Die In Nine Crashes On Ky. Roads Last Week

Nine people died as the result of injuries sustained in nine motor vehicle crashes on Kentucky roads from Oct. 7 through Oct. 13.

Two single-fatality motor vehicle crashes occurred in Lawrence County. One of the victims was not wearing a seat belt, and the crash involved the suspected use of alcohol.

One single-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in each of the following counties: Clay, Graves, Jefferson and Whitley. The victims in Clay, Jefferson and Whitley counties were not wearing seat belts. The crash in Whitley County involved the suspected use of alcohol.

One single-fatality motorcycle crash occurred in McCracken County. The victim was not wearing a helmet.

One pedestrian was killed in Carroll County and one in Jefferson County.

Through Oct. 13, preliminary statistics indicate 504 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2013. This is 71 fewer than reported for this time period in 2012. Of the 385 motor vehicle fatalities, 190 victims were not wearing seat belts. Forty-four of the 67 motorcycle fatalities were not wearing helmets. The 10 ATV fatalities were not wearing helmets. Three bicycle riders and 38 pedestrians have been killed. One fatality involving an animal-drawn vehicle has been reported. A total of 114 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

As of Oct. 13, Kentucky has had 64 days with zero highway fatalities reported during 2013.

Deadline Is Approaching For MCC Financial Aid

Students planning to attend Madisonville Community College for the spring 2014 term are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid available at fafsa.ed.gov. Priority deadline for spring 2014 financial aid awards is Nov. 1. Students applying or completing the process after this date may encounter significant delays in processing.

"Students interested in attending Madisonville Community College are encouraged to contact our office for any assistance," said MCC financial aid director Martha Phelps.

Financial aid staff members are available daily on the North Campus to assist students with FAFSA completion and other questions or concerns.

"Students should remember that the FAFSA is a free application," Phelps added. "Applicants should be wary of any financial aid forms or processes that require payment."

For additional financial aid information, phone 270-824-8693 or visit madisonville.kctcs.edu.

Owensboro Man Arrested Following Chase By KSP

Kentucky State Police arrested an Owensboro man in Hopkins County Oct. 11.

According to KSP, Trooper Bob Winters was on routine patrol when he observed a wanted person operating a white 1998 Ford pickup. Winters initiated a traffic stop, and Shannon R. Key, 35, refused to comply and fled. The pursuit proceeded to Lamb Road where Key lost control of his vehicle and struck a utility pole. He was treated for injuries at Baptist Health Madisonville and released.

Key was lodged in the Hopkins County Detention Center charged with DUI, first-degree fleeing/evading police (motor vehicle), possession of a controlled substance, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal mischief and execution of warrants.

Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department Oct. 4 through Oct. 10.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass. Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

B.P.O.E. — 98
Minor violation:
•Thermometers needed in all cooling units.

James Madison Middle School Café — 99
Minor violation:
•Cups stored on floor.

Family Diner/South Main Diner — 100
No violations.

First United Methodist Church — 100
No violations.

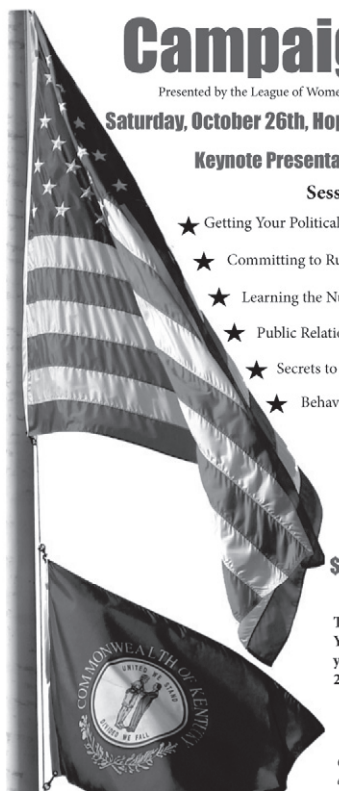
Hanson Country Store — 100
No violations.

Hanson Grade School — 100
No violations.

Ideal Market (Anton Road) — 98
Minor violations:
•Lid needed on trash container in ladies restroom
•Hair restraints needed for employees working around food.

Madisonville North Hopkins High School — 100
No violations.

Melody Lanes Snack Bar — 99
Minor violation:
•Ceiling tiles need replacing in a couple of areas.



Campaign School

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Campaign School is a non-partisan, non-endorsing event designed to give civic-minded individuals the resources and tools they need to pursue local elected positions.



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The family of Sandy Steeley

Our family would like to thank everyone for their kindness in the death of our loved one.

We would like to say a special thank you to Beshear Funeral Home and their staff for their kindness.

We would like to thank Charleston Baptist Church for their love and kindness and great lunch they prepared for after the service. Special thanks to Rev. Calvin Bryant.

Thank you to every one for all the visits, flowers, gifts, cards, food and all your prayers.

A special thanks to Sallie Grimes, Frank and Dorothy Hunt and family and Dawson Springs Post Office employees for everything they did.

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Women's Praise Night Scheduled At The Loft

A Women's Night of Praise will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 23 at The Loft. The event includes special music, praise and worship, food and fellowship. Christian gifts, limited African jewelry and purses will be for sale.

The Loft is a barn locat-

ed at 2465 Olney Road and is part of a nonprofit organization called Connecting Adventures. Its purpose is to raise awareness and support for orphans and impoverished people in our world. All individual ladies and church groups are welcome.

Gospel Jubilee Features Open Mic Night Friday

Rita's Front Porch Gospel Jubilee, 8805 Ky. 112 in Ilsley, will hold open mic night Friday at 7 p.m.

There is no admission

charge. A love offering and donations will be accepted.

For information, phone 875-6248 or 875-6249.

Revival Scheduled At Ilsley Christian Church

Ilsley Christian Church will hold a revival Oct. 21-23. Services will begin at 7 p.m. nightly. Bro. Danny

Green will be the evangelist.

Pastor Danny Earl invites the public to attend.

'Living Waters' Featured At St. Charles Church

Living Waters will be featured at Jesus Name Church at 7 p.m. Saturday. The

church is located on Ky. 454 in St. Charles.

Heirline Concert Scheduled At Union Temple Church

Ernie Dawson and Heirline will be in concert at Union Temple General Baptist Church at 6 p.m. Saturday.

"We'd love to see you there," said Pastor David Hoard.

For information, phone 797-2032.



CHRISTY WINFREY leads a group game at the volunteer appreciation breakfast Tuesday, Sept. 24.

OBITUARIES

Graveside Service Held For Danny Reich, 70

Graveside services for Danny Thomas Reich, 70, of Louisville, formerly of Nortonville, were held Saturday at Aussenbaugh Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Reich died at 11:50 p.m. Oct. 9, 2013, at Essex Nursing and Rehab Center in Louisville.

He was born July 6, 1943, in Forsyth County, N.C., to the late Clarence Thomas Reich Jr. and Geneva Law-

son Reich.

Survivors include three daughters, Sharon Case and Lori Ann Sherman, both of Louisville, and Dannielle Reich, Florida; a sister, Inez Reich Rule, Winston Salem, N.C.; a half sister, Crystal Singleton, Winston Salem, N.C.; a brother, Eugene Jack Reich, Burlington, N.C.; a half brother, Jack Reich, Winston Salem, N.C.; and six grandchildren.

Memorial Service Planned For Eugene Cotton Sr.

Eugene Cotton Sr., 71, of Dawson Springs, died Oct. 3, 2013, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

He was a retired truck driver.

Survivors include two daughters, Sherrie Clark and Debbie Knight; and five

sons, Mike Cotton, Troy Cotton, Eugene Cotton Jr., Richie Cotton and Greg Cotton.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary Policy

Obituaries are published free of charge as a public service by The Dawson Springs Progress. Information is provided by funeral homes and the funeral home is responsible for accuracy. Free obituaries may include the following: person's name, age, address, date of death, date and place of services, minister, burial site and memorial contributions. Survivors and those who preceded the deceased in death will include spouse's name, childrens' names, number of grandchildren and/or great grandchildren and siblings' names. Also included is place of birth, date of birth, parents' names, one occupation or former occupation if retired, service club memberships, church membership, pall bearers and if they graduated from Dawson Springs High School. Paid obituaries will include any information the family wishes to submit. The charge for a paid obituary is \$3.50 per column inch.

The Churches Of This Area Invite You To Worship With Them Each Week

Lowe's Employee Fired After Pursuing Thief

By Sarah Bennett
The News-Enterprise

Karen Sizemore had worked at the Lowe's in Elizabethtown for nearly 18 years when she pursued a shoplifting suspect as he fled the home improvement store with a \$579 Dewalt tool kit.

As Sizemore attempted to recover the item, the man slammed his car door on her arm.

A week later, as she continued to bear a long yellow-and-purple bruise on her arm, the 55-year-old was fired.

"(The assistant manager) said that I had put other associates in danger, myself in danger, and that they would have to terminate me," Sizemore recalled.

A representative at Lowe's corporate office in North Carolina said the company cannot comment on individual terminations but added the home improvement store has a policy concerning the handling of shoplifters.

According to Lowe's, the purpose of that policy is to protect the safety of its employees and customers.

Sizemore, who was a customer service associate in the store's tool department, said that type of tool kit had been stolen four times and a loss prevention employee instructed her to keep an eye on the product.

Virgil Willoughby, spokesman for Elizabethtown Police Department, said officers have responded to Lowe's four times since Jan. 1 in reference to shoplifting.

So when Sizemore watched a man place a Dewalt tool kit in his cart Oct. 1, she said she decided to watch him.

"I thought it was kind of strange that at 9:30 at night someone's in a store buying a \$600 tool kit," she said.

Sizemore said she observed as the man proceeded past the cash registers and customer service area before maneuvering

the item around the store's metal detectors and out the door.

"He bolts out the door and I'm right behind him," Sizemore said. "It wasn't even a split second. I didn't think. I just bolted out the door right behind him to the car."

According to Sizemore, at least one employee followed her out of the store. Though Sizemore said she attempted to remove the kit from the car, she never touched the suspect.

Elizabethtown officers later arrested Kyle S. Heim, 32, of Vine Grove. He is charged with first-degree robbery.

According to Sizemore, an assistant manager told her of the shoplifting policy after the incident.

"To be perfectly honest, I don't remember ever reading that," she said.

Willoughby said while Sizemore "had the best of intentions," he would recommend against going hands on with a shoplifter.

"My recommendation as a police officer to any employee is, you don't have a weapon," he said. "Many of these shoplifters have a weapon on them somewhere."

What an employee can do, Willoughby said, is observe the shoplifter, watch him or her leave and provide officers with a license plate number and description of the suspect and vehicle.

Sizemore said she is considering pursuing civil action and intends to find another job in retail. She does not want her position at Lowe's back.

"You just get to that point that you're fed up with people coming in and stealing all the time, and nobody seemed to be doing anything about it," Sizemore said. "Then I do one thing. Out of the 18 years I'd been there, I'd never, ever done anything like that."

"(I feel) let down," she said later. "They turned their back on me like the 18 years I worked for them doesn't matter."

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Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
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Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

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Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study, 10 a.m.

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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

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KENTUCKY EQUINE SURVEY RESULTS

State's Equine Industry Boasts Economic Impact

By Holly Wiemers

Kentucky's equine industry had a total economic impact of almost \$3 billion and generated 40,665 jobs last year, according to the 2012 Kentucky Equine Survey. The tax contribution of the equine industry to Kentucky was approximately \$134 million.

According to Jill Stowe, University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs director and project lead, the total economic impact is measured by the output effect and is an estimate of revenues earned by the sale of goods and services related to the equine industry and its interconnected industries. The study also showed that the value-added effect, which is perhaps a more descriptive measure of economic impact because it accounts for costs of production, has an estimated economic impact of \$1.4 billion. The value-added effect is a measure of profitability and new income paid to workers rather than simply revenue.

The UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Ag Equine Programs and Kentucky Horse Council, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, released the economic impact figures from the 2012 Kentucky Equine Survey, a comprehensive statewide survey of all breeds of horses, ponies, donkeys and mules. This was

the first such wide-ranging study of Kentucky's equine industry since 1977 and the first-ever detailed economic impact study about Kentucky's equine industry.

When looking more specifically at each sector's estimated impact, breeding had the highest employment figure of 16,198, an output of \$710 million and a value-added impact of \$333 million. Racing had the highest output impact at \$1.28 billion, with a figure of 6,251 in employment and \$601 million in value-added impact. Competition figures included 2,708 in employment, \$635 million in output and \$297 million in value-added impact. Recreation had 594 in employment, \$166 million in output and \$78 million in value-added impact. Other, which accounts for operations such as therapeutic riding facilities and those where horses are used for work, had an employment figure of 14,914, a \$194 million output and a \$91 million value-added impact.

The first phase of the study was released in January and measured Kentucky's equine and asset inventory. That portion of the study found that the state is home to 242,400 horses and the total value of Kentucky's equine and equine-related assets is estimated at \$23.4 billion. The survey's results identified 35,000 equine operations and 1.1 million acres devoted to equine use.

Also from the inventory portion of the study, the total of all equine-related sales and income for equine operations was about \$1.1 billion. That total came from sales of all equines, estimated to be \$521.1 million, and \$491 million in income from both breeding and non-breeding services, such as training, lessons, boarding, farrier, transportation, purses and incentives.

The first phase also found that equine-related expenditures by equine operations totaled about \$1.2 billion. Capital expenditures by equine operations, including the purchase of equines, real estate and improvements and equipment, were estimated to be \$337 million. Operating expenditures, including expenses paid for boarding, feed, bedding, veterinary, supplies, farrier services, breeding, maintenance and repair, insurance premiums, utilities and fuel, taxes, rent and/or lease, fees and payments, shipping and travel, training and other fees, totaled \$839 million. Notably, 77 percent of these operating expenses were spent in Kentucky.

The study determined that 56 percent of Kentucky's equine operations are farms or ranches and 30 percent are for personal use, while 3 percent are boarding, training or riding facilities. Breeding operations accounted for 2 percent.

The vast majority of horses inventoried were light horses (216,300), followed by donkeys and mules (14,000), ponies (7,000) and draft horses (5,100). Thoroughbreds are the most numerous breed in the state (54,000), followed by Quarter Horses (42,000), Tennessee Walking Horses (36,000), American Saddlebreds (14,000), donkeys and mules (14,000), Mountain Horse breeds (12,500), Standardbreds (9,500), Miniature Horses (7,000), ponies (7,000), Paint Horses (6,500) and Arabian and Half-Arabian horses (5,500).

The primary use of the majority of Kentucky's equines is trail riding/pleasure (79,500), followed by broodmares (38,000), horses currently idle/not working (33,000), competition/show (24,500), horses currently growing, including yearlings, weanlings and foals (23,000), racing (15,000), work/transportation (12,500), breeding stallions (3,900) and other activities (13,000).



VOLUNTEERS being served breakfast Tuesday, Sept. 24, are (front to back) Debra Oldham, Lori Back, Carolyn Sigler and Shelia Aussenbaugh.

Armadillos Not Uncommon In Western Kentucky Area

By Daryl K. Tabor
The Crittenden Press

Opossum in a half shell. Poverty pigs. Texas turkeys. Whatever you call them, the armadillo has made its way into Western Kentucky, a long way from its original stomping grounds of South America about 3 million years ago.

Unlike panther sightings, the presence of wild armadillos is undeniable. The unmistakable profile of the critter has been spotted by many in the region. In fact, Bennett Smith and his mowing crew discovered an armadillo along the roadside in Smithland last week that met its demise underneath a car tire.

A wildlife zoologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) says the armored mammal has been in Western Kentucky for several years.

"We had the occasional armadillo sighting in far Western Kentucky well before the 1980s, but we really didn't have a population of them at that time," said John MacGregor, a KDFWR herpetologist based in Frankfort. "There used to be a stuffed armadillo at the old Paducah Community College that was killed around 1969."

Armadillo, derived from Spanish, literally means "little armored one." That is because of the bony plates that cover the top of the animal from head to tail. Its underside is left unprotected, however.

It's likely that all sightings of the armadillo in western Kentucky are of the nine-banded armadillo, the only variety of the species occurring naturally in the United States. It is so named because of the number of hinged bands of plates that line its back. The animals are about the size of an opossum or house cat, are a grayish-brown in color and have a long snout with pointy ears.

The armadillo first made its way into the United States about 150 years ago when its habitat spread north from Mexico across the Rio Grande River into Texas. Since that time, its known range has spread remarkably fast, now reaching as far as central Missouri.

Rivers pose little obstacle for the armadillo, something that has allowed it to spread virtually unchecked. It has even begun to make habitat north of the Ohio River.

"Armadillos have greatly expanded their range over the past 20 years in Kentucky, Tennessee and Illinois and have invaded southern Indiana," MacGregor said. "To me, this is a very strong biological indicator that the climate is becoming warmer. A few other 'Deep South' species—green treefrogs, for example—are doing much the same thing."

MacGregor reported seeing his first road-killed armadillo in Kentucky just outside of Mayfield in 2003.

"Now I see them every time I go to western Kentucky," said the biologist who travels the state studying reptiles and amphibians.

Since some of the first Western Kentucky sightings were reported in the 1980s, the armadillo's population has spread eastward across the commonwealth into Land Between the Lakes and as far east as Morehead and Somerset today, MacGregor said.

Armadillos are considered native wildlife since they migrated here on their own. They cannot be legally bought or sold, but can be trapped or killed as "nuisance wildlife," MacGregor reports.

"Some people consider them to be pests; others (like me) enjoy seeing them in the wild," he said. "It is all in the eye of the beholder, I guess. Raccoons, for example, are fun to watch at a state park campground, but the two living in my attic right now in Nicholasville are pests!"

Armadillos live in burrows and primarily diet on insects and other invertebrates. They generally pose little problems for humans, but may create damage to gardens and lawns as they root around for food or dig for shelter.

During the tough economic times of the Great Depression, Texans and others in the South might find the armadillo on the dinner table, hence the terms "poverty pig" and "Texas turkey." However, the armadillo can carry leprosy and transmit it to humans. For that reason, contact with the animal is not advised.

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Healthier School Lunches Are Not Well Received

By Michelle Sokol
The State-Journal

School lunchrooms across the U.S. are serving healthier fare, but students are complaining they don't like the taste of what's on their plates.

Some grown-ups aren't happy either. In Harlan County, school board members and parents had a message to deliver to first lady Michelle Obama: New federal school nutrition guidelines make meals tasteless and smaller.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, one of Obama's legislative centerpieces, is trickling down into Frankfort and Franklin County schools.

Vending machines are turned off during school

hours, trays are colored with fruits and vegetables and thick chocolate milk is a drink of the past.

It's all in an effort to battle childhood obesity. Kentucky has the second highest rate in the U.S., so local food service directors said the guidelines are especially important here.

Geraldine Jette, food service director for Franklin County Public Schools, said schools play an important role in educating parents and students on healthy eating habits. Since up to 40 percent of a child's calories are consumed on school grounds, schools have an obligation to make those calories count.

"It's part of our responsibility to give them the most nutritious and balanced

meal," Jette said.

And federal nutrition guidelines are not only giving schools a road map for creating those nutritious and balanced meals — they're making them mandatory.

One component of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, gives schools 15 rules to apply to the National School Lunch and National School Breakfast programs.

Fruit must be offered daily, meals must be prepared with ingredients containing zero grams of trans fat per serving and the sodium content of meals must be reduced gradually over a 10-year period.

Additionally, a calorie cap is applied to each age group. Grades kindergarten through fifth can be served 350-500 calories for breakfast and 550-650 for lunch; grades six through eight, 400-550 calories for breakfast and 600-700 for lunch; and grades nine through 12, 450-600 calories for breakfast and 750-850 for lunch.

The other component, proposed in June, takes those meal guidelines and applies them to all snacks sold in schools — that includes vending machines, snack bars and a la carte lines.

"We're going to get some backlash," Jette said. "We've already gotten backlash. But you have to stop and think what's in the best interest of our students."

Hunger free? The very name of the act — Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 — suggests the federal guidelines are eliminating hunger in schools.

But some students in Franklin County find that hard to believe.

One fifth-grader said the nutritious school lunches leave her belly rumbling, especially on days where she plays soccer after school.

"I like the fruit," she said. "But now my mom gives me granola bars every day so I'm not so hungry."

Jette said the only major complaints she's heard about the new meals is the portion sizes.

"Kids get to the upper grades and they need more food," she said. "They have more activities like football and band, and they need their minds active."

A high school athlete can burn as many as 3,000-3,500 calories daily, and some are complaining it's hard to sustain energy when a school lunch can only contain 850

calories.

Betty Bailey, Frankfort Independent Schools' new food services director, pointed out a loophole, however: Students are permitted to purchase a la carte options in addition to the complete 850-calorie lunch.

She said athletes not satisfied with the provided lunch can request seconds of low-fat milk, fruits and vegetables.

Although there's a limit on how many ounces of food the school can serve to individual students, she said those ounces count more with the new guidelines. The new foods include fewer empty calories and provide real energy — it's just a matter of adapting.

Money woes

By complying with the federal guidelines, schools are eligible for a 6-cent reimbursement for each meal. Jette said that helps cover costs associated with the new meals, but produce is expensive.

That 6-cent reimbursement is in addition to money the school already receives from the National School Lunch Program and National School Breakfast Pro-

gram. The school receives 28 cents for meals that are entirely paid for by the student, \$2.53 for reduced-price lunches and \$2.93 for free lunches.

Both Franklin County and Frankfort school districts received the Certification of Compliance in January, qualifying them for the reimbursement.

"All those new fruit and vegetable options, the reds, oranges and greens, they're more expensive," Jette said.

But the federal guidelines are also causing schools to lose out on possible revenue streams, as Franklin County High School has discovered.

Paula Meyer, secretary at FCHS, said the school chose to turn the vending machines off from 8:40 a.m. until 3:20 p.m. — it was easier than replacing the snacks and sodas with health foods.

The new vending machine guidelines, which will not officially be enforced until the 2014-15 school year, require snacks to be no more than 200 calories and meet requirements for fat, saturated fat and sugar. That means no Pop Tarts, no Gatorades

and no Doritos — all past staples in high school vending machines.

While more than half of the money from vending machine sales goes back to the vending company, they have long been a source of revenue for schools.

"It has had a negative financial impact on the school," Meyer said. "However, I'm sure it's had a positive impact on health and eating habits of students."

Local schools have received as much as \$18 per student on vending machine sales in the past.

Although the impact has not yet been measured, Bailey said if students — like those in Harlan County — are claiming the new food has little taste, they might start bringing their own lunches. Meals brought from home are not subject to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act regulations.

"These guidelines are a challenge, but it's not a challenge we won't succeed in," Jette said. "It's going in the right direction, toward educating our peers, along with our parents, on serving a nutritious meal."



DIANNE LABRADO (left) makes a presentation to acting superintendent Alexis Seymore Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the volunteer appreciation breakfast.



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This is a huge prediction, since the Cards lead the Dodgers two games to one in the best-of-seven series as this is being written Tuesday afternoon. But, win or lose Tuesday night, my Dodgers are due. No, they are past due, and I predict them to win the series.

The last time a team came back to win the NLCS after being down two games to none was in 1985. The team that did it was the Cardinals. The team that lost? Oh, that was the Dodgers — dem Bums.

But what about the Cardinals in 2013? Their smoke and mirrors are history. It's time for them to go home and get some rest.

But if the Dodgers win or lose, from here we hope the winner of the National League series upsets the American League champions. And we're even happier it's not going to be a team from New York.

The weather was great last week in Florida. I happen to know because I was there enjoying it.

Goldie, our cute little puppy dog, spent the week on vacation, too. She stayed at Robert and Jenny's in Brentwood, Tenn. They said she was no problem at all, but we knew she wouldn't be any problem. I'm sure they have missed her this week.

Beth and I spent five nights at her brother's house, then two nights on the beach at Panama City Beach.

Both resorts were very relaxing.

Johnny, Beth's brother, and I played several rounds of golf — six — while his wife Lorna and Beth relaxed or went shopping or whatever it is girls do when the boys are playing golf.

At our hotel in Panama City Beach we were sitting by the pool when a lady next to us asked where in Kentucky we were from. (She figured we were from Kentucky because of my UK cap.)

When we replied a small town in Western Kentucky named Dawson Springs, she let it be known she was from Princeton but now lived in Bowling Green.

She said her name was Wendy Glosick, and her husband is John, a pilot for Southwest Airlines.

When Beth told her she taught school, Wendy said she also taught in a Bowling Green elementary school.

Our new friend told us her sister is Christy Phelps, principal at Caldwell County High School, and her brother is Shane Whittington, who works at Caldwell County Hospital. Her father is Rod Whittington, owner of Princeton Drugs.

Beth then told her she works with Suzy Lovell and that her husband Charles works at the hospital.

From there, the conversation was more and more about connections in our lives among the people we know.

It's a small world, so be careful how you act. Somebody around probably knows somebody else who might know you.

For the record, our vacation was wonderful. Faye and Carolyn, with a little help from Jarod Nelson and other friends at the Times Leader went right on and put out the paper. They all did a mighty fine job, just like I knew they would.

According to my friend Chip, the following is Vincent Van Gogh's family tree...

His dizzy aunt: Verti Gogh

The brother who ate prunes: Gotta Gogh

The brother who works at a convenience store: Stop N Gogh

The grandfather from Yuloslavia: U Gogh

His magician uncle: Ware-diddy Gogh

His Mexican cousin: A Mee Gogh

The Mexican cousin's American halfbrother: Gring Gogh

The nephew who drove a stage coach? Walls-far Gogh

The constipated uncle: Can't Gogh

The ballroom dancing aunt: Tang Gogh

The bird lover uncle: Flamin Gogh

The fruit-loving cousin: Man Gogh

An aunt who taught positive thinking: Way-to-Gogh

The little bouncy nephew: Poe Gogh

A sister who loved disco: Go Gogh

And his niece who travels the country in an RV: Winnie Bay Gogh

Here's one for all you cat lovers, especially Donna Rhody:

If cats wore t-shirts, here is what they might say...

• "Purrfection cannot be improved."

• "If you don't like my attitude, you should see my cat."

• "Menopaws...this is the hottest I've been in years."

• "Take my advice. I'm not using it."

• "I'd like to help you out. Which way did you come in?"

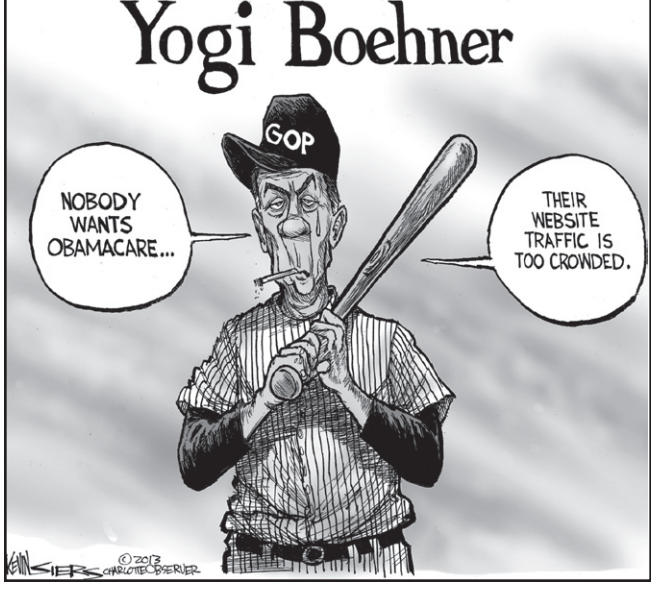
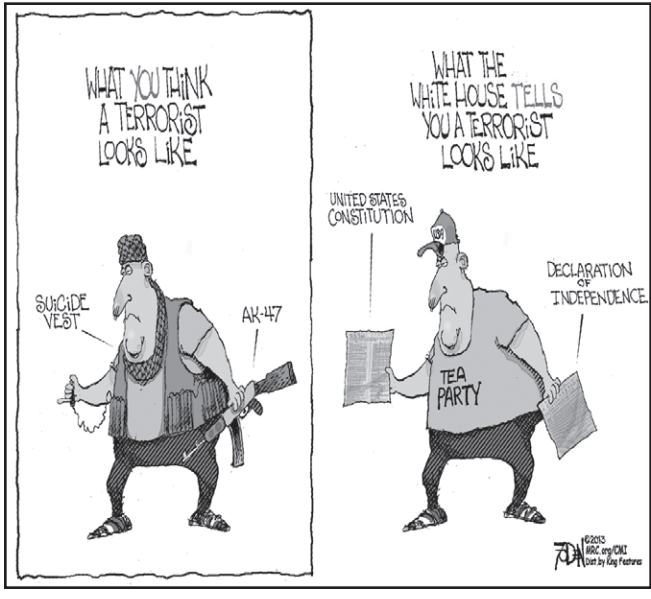
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• "Thousands of years ago, cats were worshiped as gods. They have never forgotten this."

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COMMENTARY

Handshakes Are Important

By John Clay, sports columnist
Lexington Herald-Leader

The issue isn't the poorly worded memorandum about post-game procedures that got the Kentucky High School Athletic Association into hot water in the first place.

No, the real issue is the sad state of affairs that has brought us to this position. The position in a world where winning has grown far too important and competition far too combative. We can't even shake hands anymore.

Or, at least, it seems we can't shake hands without risking a fight or a legal repercussion or a full-blown controversy.

If that isn't proof sportsmanship is dead, then we should agree it is at least on life support.

In explaining why the KHSAA decided to address the post-game handshake issue — it now says there is no ban on post-game handshakes as long as they are supervised — Commissioner Julian Tackett reported there had been at least a couple of dozen post-game incidents in the past three years.

Are you surprised by this? If so, you haven't attended a sporting event of late.

Coaches scream at officials. Fans scream at coaches and officials. Players taunt opposing players. Parents have even now been known to yell from the stands at players that aren't even their own children.

Tackett said Tuesday that if parents were really concerned about sportsmanship, "they wouldn't treat the referees like they do — chase them off the fields, follow them to cars, not to mention the language that's used."

News flash: Back in April, a youth soccer referee died after being punched in the head by a 17-year-old upset over a yellow card he had received.

That didn't happen in Europe or some far-off land that takes soccer too seriously. That happened in Utah.

Is there any wonder Tackett is concerned?

Kids know only what their eyes and ears tell them, and the picture currently being painted involves a near-total loss of perspective.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Politicians Are Unfair

Dear Editor,

I get nervous when I hear the politicians talk about cutting entitlements. The dictionary defines an entitlement as a right. Social Security is an entitlement. We have a right to receive it because we paid for it. There is that deduction on your paycheck called F.I.C.A. That's short for the Federal Insurance Contributions Act. The government takes money from your paycheck and sets

it aside for you to collect when you retire. It makes me nervous when politicians act like it's some kind of gift you are getting rather than something you have already paid for.

If our politicians had not robbed money from the Social Security fund so many times in the past, it would probably still be in good shape. Why is it that you never hear about politicians cutting their entitlements? They treat themselves differently than they treat the rest of us. Their salary and pensions are

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Health Reforms Have Arrived

After years — decades, really — of talking about health care reform in this country, a long-awaited piece finally is falling into place as Kentucky's health insurance exchange starts up.

There are bound to be glitches and confusion when something this big launches. Plus, there's a well financed effort to malign the reforms and mislead the public. The inevitable bugs should not obscure the importance of the moment:

Life is about to get better for hundreds of thousands of Kentuckians who have been unable to afford preventive care and have lived just one bad accident or surgery away from bankruptcy.

Gov. Steve Beshear and his administration deserve a lot of credit for maximizing this historic opportunity.

Kentucky is the only Southern state that is taking full advantage of the Affordable Care Act by both expanding Medicaid to include an estimated 308,000 working-poor Kentuckians and by creating a state insurance exchange where an estimated 332,000 uninsured Kentuckians will be able to shop for discounted coverage.

As Beshear wrote in The New York Times, Kentucky, which ranks near the bottom in almost every indicator of public health, "couldn't afford not" to take full advantage of the Affordable Care Act and "frankly . . . can't implement" it "fast enough."

It's inexplicable and shameful that so many Republicans in Congress are

still trying to stop the health care reform law — and are even willing to inflict a government shutdown or default to get their way.

Congress enacted the law in 2010; the Supreme Court upheld it. Republican Mitt Romney promised to repeal it, but the electorate rejected him by 5 million votes last year while choosing a Congress that lacks the votes for repeal.

The law's not perfect and will need tweaking. Some on the left view it as a way station on the road to a single-payer system. If it's as economically catastrophic as some Republicans predict, it won't last.

But the Congressional Budget Office predicts the new law will reduce the deficit. Congress did pay for it, unlike the Medicare prescription drug benefit, by taxing various parts of the health care industry which stand to gain from an influx of newly insured customers.

The law has provisions for containing health care costs which are the biggest drag on the economy and government budgets. And the ability to afford health insurance will free would-be entrepreneurs to leave jobs with benefits to start their own new businesses, which will help the economy.

It's worth remembering that both major parties' candidates for president in 2008 promised health care reform that would provide universal or near universal

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003.)

Becky Beeny has resigned as Main Street/Renaissance manager and Emily Barbour is the new manager.

Landon Jess Pace was born Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. He weighed six pounds and five ounces.

The funeral for Mrs. Leila Irene Gladdish, 87, was held Sunday afternoon, Oct. 11, at Beshear Funeral Home.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Oct. 20, 1988.)

The board of directors of the Dawson Springs Main Street Program have named Susan P. Mestan manager of the local effort.

Last rites were held for Carl Villines, 74, Friday afternoon, Oct. 14, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Funeral for Herman A. Nichols, 75, was held Thursday, afternoon, Oct. 13, at Beshear Funeral Home.

Memorial services for Mrs. Mary Olene Riley, 64, were held Tuesday afternoon at Beshear Funeral Home.

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Oct. 17, 1963.)

The Mid-South Plastics Co. started moving manufacturing equipment into its new plant Monday.

Woods and grass fires burned over 550 acres in the vicinity of Dawson Springs during the past week.

Dedication of the new Western Kentucky Parkway will be held Monday, Oct. 28.

Patti Gale celebrated her ninth birthday with a party at her home.

Taken from the Davis Grocery ad in this week's edition:

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MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Oct. 17, 1906, Wilhelm Voigt, a German shoemaker, impersonates an army officer and leads an entire squad of soldiers to help him steal 4,000 marks. Voigt humiliated the German army by exploiting their blind obedience to authority and getting them to assist in his audacious robbery.

• On Oct. 14, 1947, U.S. Air Force Capt. Chuck Yeager becomes the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound. Yeager's X-1 rocket plane was lifted to an altitude of 25,000 feet by a B-29 aircraft and then released through the bomb bay.

• On Oct. 16, 1958, Chevrolet begins to sell the El Camino, a combination sedan-pickup truck. In 1964, the company introduced a version built on the brawnier Chevelle platform. Today,

the car is a cult classic.

• On Oct. 18, 1974, soul singer Al Green is attacked in his own bathtub when an ex-girlfriend pours a pot of scalding-hot grits on his back. Her actions left Green with severe injuries but also shaken emotionally and spiritually. By 1976, Green had become an ordained Baptist minister and purchased a Memphis church, where he still preaches today.

• On Oct. 19, 1982, maverick automobile executive John DeLorean is arrested in a Los Angeles motel with a briefcase containing \$24 million worth of cocaine. According to authorities, DeLorean was attempting to make a drug deal in order to rescue his financially ailing DeLorean Motor Company.

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Handshakes Are Important

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Presidents at supposed institutions of higher learning fire coaches five games into a season. Schools lauded for supposedly doing it the “right way” are later found to be offering fake classes to keep athletes eligible and allowing “student-athletes” to remain on teams after run-ins with the law.

Here’s a small thing that says a lot: If you watch the games closely, at any level, when someone hits the floor or the turf, no one from the other side offers a hand to help him or her up anymore.

When it does happen, you notice. You notice, because it’s rare.

That isn’t to say eliminating the post-game handshake is the way to go or that the KHSAA didn’t make things a little worse by reacting with an overreaction.

But then you are reading someone who loves the post-game handshake, who hates when the camera cuts away before we get to see the two sides meet at mid-field.

Just last Sunday, the caper on Denver’s epic 51-48 win over Dallas came when the two quarterbacks, Peyton Manning and Tony Romo, embraced in a post-game

hug.

This is what sports is supposed to be about: That two teams or individuals can play as hard as humanly possible in an athletic endeavor and then congratulate and honor the other when the competition is complete.

The best moment of the Stanley Cup playoffs is at series end when the two sides line up at center ice and shake hands.

Maybe the best scene in all of sports comes at the end of a long, grueling Grand Slam tennis match when the winner consoles the loser at the net.

Last college basketball season, the over-cafeinated Indiana basketball coach Tom Crean got into it with an assistant coach from Michigan in the handshake line and some suggested we should eliminate these “fake” shows of sportsmanship altogether.

If that’s the case, maybe we should cut out sports altogether, especially if we still — against all odds — hold to the belief that at the educational level its true value comes from teaching character.

A handshake at the end of competition isn’t where that teaching process should end.

It’s where it should begin.

Health Reforms

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coverage. It’s also worth remembering that the plan

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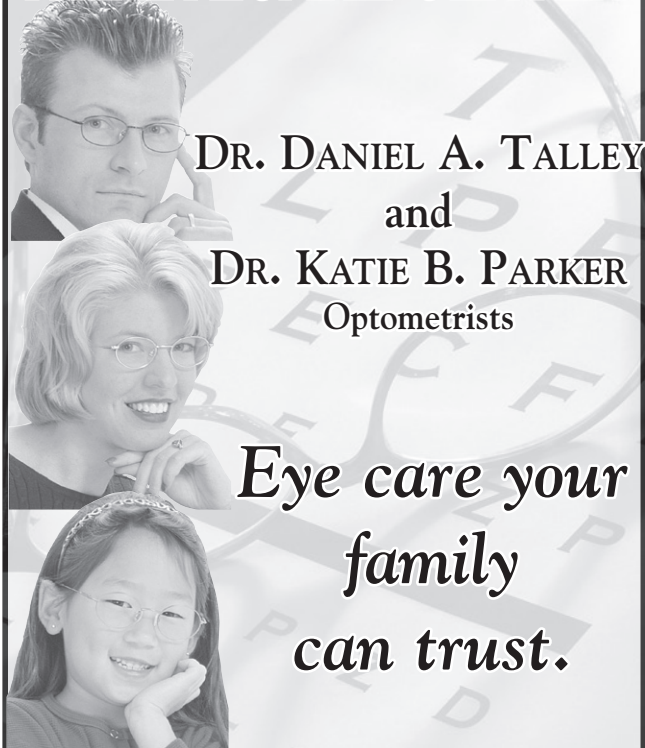
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well protected from any kinds of cuts, and don’t forget the perks they get. Perk stands for perquisite. The dictionary defines a perquisite as additional privilege or gain or profit — nice little extras along with your salary.

Do you remember those signs we saw in Walmart years ago? They said “Made in America.” Those were American jobs and American workers who paid into the Social Security fund. Now they say “Made in China.” We never complained about paying for American made goods when we had good paying American jobs. Hey, Mr. Walmart CEO! Dig those “Made in America” signs up from the cellar. They looked a lot better when they were hanging in your stores.

Richard Chiodo
Dawson Springs

Seniors Say Thank You

Dear Editor,
On behalf of the 2014 Class of Dawson Springs High School, I would like to thank the many parents and individuals who helped make the Fall Festival chili

supper on Friday, Sept. 27, so successful. Whether you helped by bringing food, serving, buying tickets or helping to coordinate the night in some way, we thank you.

A special thanks to Doug Hartline for preparing the chili, which was great as usual. In addition, a thank you is extended to the many businesses that donated food or money.

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The senior class members, parents, volunteers and the senior class sponsors would like to offer a hearty thank you to the Dawson Springs community for continuing to support our class.

Jennifer Brewer
Senior class parent

Ky. Needs Clean Air

Dear Editor,
Every year nearly 1,000 Kentuckians die from the effects of secondhand smoke — a proven cause of death and disease in nonsmokers. Secondhand smoke contains more than 250 chemicals known to be toxic or cause cancer, stroke, heart disease, sudden infant death syndrome,

respiratory ailments and inner ear infections in children.

If Kentucky lawmakers would enact a smoke-free law, it would greatly benefit the health of our state. Smoke-free laws save lives and health.

Thirty-four percent of Kentuckians are currently covered by smoke-free laws. As a member of the board of directors of the Kentucky Rural Health Association, I urge our legislators to support a comprehensive statewide law extending protection to all Kentucky citizens. The majority of Kentuckians want to breathe clean air, and everyone should have that right.

Jan Hurst
Madisonville

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If you’re a **Kentucky newspaper** reader, you’re leading the pack! And if you’re a **Kentucky advertiser**, remember that our state’s newspapers bring it big down the stretch.

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BACK to school Tuesday, Oct. 15, after fall break are (from left) Baylee Peek, Chancie Robinson and Katelinn Green.

School’s Overall Scores Are A Mixed Bag

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in the 70th percentile. According to Kent Workman, district assessment coordinator, a change in one student’s score brought the district score down from proficient progressing to needs improvement progressing. The change dropped the high school three tenths and the district one tenth.

Under the current system, if a severely handicapped special education student receives a certificate of completion rather than a regular diploma, that student is considered a dropout. This lowers the graduation rate, which is a component of the accountability score.

The overall score for the local high school, grades 9–12, was 60.7, placing it in the 79th percentile and the proficient progressing category. This is an increase from the 43rd percentile in 2012. ACT scores for local juniors also improved with an overall composite score of 19.9 compared to 19.2 statewide. Dawson Springs equalled or outperformed the state in all areas of the ACT. The percentage of local students meeting the ACT benchmarks set by KDE was also greater than the state average.

In grades seven and eight, the overall score was 56.8, placing the junior high in the 61st percentile and the needs improvement category, a de-

cline from the 81st percentile last year.

The elementary school, which tests grades three through six, dropped from the 53rd percentile in 2012 to the 50th percentile this year with an overall score of 57.7. It is also in the needs improvement category.

Although the elementary and seventh and eighth grade scores did not measure up to the high school, interim superintendent Alexis Seymore believes they did not perform badly.

“We are right in the middle of the pack,” she said. There is plenty of room for improvement, but there are plenty of schools who did not do as well.”

Seymore believes the school system may have relied too heavily on the idea that good teaching will result in high test scores. She commented on the “simply astounding progress” of some schools which have typically scored poorly. This suggests there is more to doing well than just good teaching and learning, she said.

“Part of this is figuring out what the people responsible for the test want. I don’t think we’ve done a very good job of doing that, and we’re going to have to work on it,” Seymore said. “If we are going to excel at this test, we are going to have to figure out how to play the game.”

Deer Season On Roads

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days kick in during the fall mating season, putting deer on the move at times when they are least visible. An analysis of crash reports indicates most auto collisions with deer are just before sunrise or just after sunset.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, about 150 people are killed nationwide each year in motor vehicle accidents involving deer.

In 2012, police agencies in Kentucky reported 2,766 deer-related crashes, causing 106 injuries with no reported driver fatalities. That showed a drop from 2011 when 2,972 crashes with 148 injuries and three fatalities were attributed to deer.

McClearn asked motorists to report all collisions to police.

“We believe a lot of deer-vehicle collisions go unreported according to the number of deer observed along our highways,” McClearn said. “We urge all motorists to report all such collisions to police. Data pulled directly from police crash reports

is used to direct our efforts to improve highway safety.”

To help improve their personal safety, motorists should always wear seat belts and drive defensively, constantly scanning the roadside for deer. Drivers should slow down immediately when spotting a deer and proceed slowly past the point where deer have crossed. Swerving to avoid a deer can result in a more serious crash with oncoming traffic. Motorists should keep both hands on the wheel and brake down steadily in case of a collision.

While deer tend to travel along fairly predictable trails most of the year, during the fall mating season they can show up in commercial and residential areas starting in October and continuing until the mating season trails off around year’s end.

Eight Western Kentucky counties are among the state’s top 25 in deer-vehicle collisions. Hopkins County ranks No. 3 with 113 collisions last year, followed by Christian County at No. 4 with 95. Nineteen deer-vehicle collisions occurred in Caldwell County.

Be Careful In Work Area

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can happen any time our crews are working in and around traffic. All it takes is one moment of distraction or inattention for things to go bad very quickly. This illustrates why we constantly remind people to slow down

and use extra caution whenever they see a work zone or a highway crew at work. We want our people and the public to be safe.”

In the past three years in Kentucky, 11 people died and 471 people were injured in highway construction and maintenance work zones.

Earthquake ShakeOut Will Be Tomorrow

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tect themselves and to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes.

Following FEMA’s National Preparedness Month in September, Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills are occurring nationwide in more than 43 states and territories. Currently, more than 15 million people are expected to participate in drills this week. During the self-led ShakeOut drill, participants perform a

variety of disaster safety activities, including:

- Practicing Drop, Cover, and Hold On
- Testing emergency plans or procedures
- Updating disaster supply kits
- Securing items that may fall or cause injury during an earthquake

The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut is coordinated by the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium, consortium members and associate states,

FEMA, the U.S. Geological Survey and dozens of other partners. The drill is free and open to the public, and participants include individuals, schools, businesses, local and state government agencies. Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills began in California in 2008 and have expanded each year since then.

Interested citizens, schools, communities and businesses are encouraged to visit www.shakeout.org/ centralus to register to par-

ticipate in the drill. On the Web site, many resources are available for participants to use during the ShakeOut drill including:

- Drill manuals
- Audio and video drill broadcasts
- Earthquake scenarios

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DISTRICT TOURNAMENT action began Monday at Riverside Park for 7th District soccer teams. The Panthers saw their season come to an end with a 10-0 loss to Caldwell County in the semifinal round. At left, Aaron McCune (20) battles Caldwell's Gauge Gray for possession of the ball. Above, Austin Hart passes the ball past the Tigers' Brett Seymore. Below, Steven Bearden (25) defends against Caldwell's Trenton Lady (5).

photos by Todd Griffin, The Times Leader



7TH DISTRICT SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Seymore, Tigers End Panthers' Season

Soccer season ended Monday for the Panther boys soccer team in the first round of the 7th District tournament at Riverside Park. The second-seeded Caldwell County Tigers defeated the Panthers 10-0 behind seven goals from senior Brett Seymore.

The Panthers were seeded third because one of their two wins was over district rival Hopkins County Central. The season ended with a 2-16-1 record.

Panther coach Katie Harris said the game turned in the Tigers' favor early when a hand

ball was called in the box during the first two minutes of the game.

"It was a tough call," Harris said.

The Tigers converted the penalty kick, got momentum and put the Panthers away early in the second half due to the 10-goal "mercy" rule.

"Seymore is a very impressive player," Harris said. "He dominated the field. We weren't able to mark him."

The Panthers lost 9-0 in their final regular season game Oct. 10 at Ohio County in a

game that was played with nine players on the field for each team. Due to injuries the Panthers only had nine players available for Ohio County's senior night game.

"We had a few shots on goal," Harris said. "But defensively they were getting a lot of shots."

In spite of the early exit in the tournament, Harris said she was not disappointed in her young team.

"I knew we would struggle this season going up against big teams with seniors,"

Harris said. "In the next two years we are looking to be there. We will see a lot of growth before next season."

It was the final game for seniors Brandon Cunningham and Seth Sisk.

"Brandon did a good job for us," Harris said. "I could rely on him to mark a player."

Sisk, in his first year to play high school soccer, impressed his first-year Panther coach.

"Defensively, he could hold his own," Harris said. "He did a very good job for us."

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Day	Date	Opponent	Team	Place	Time
Thur.	Oct. 17	Lyon County	7/8	Away	5:30
Thur.	Oct. 24	Christian Fellowship	8	Home	6:00
Fri.	Oct. 25	Moonlight Madness		Home	TBA
Tue.	Oct. 29	Crittenden County	7/8	Away	5:30
Mon.	Nov. 4	Lyon County	7/8	Home	6:00
Tue.	Nov. 5	South Hopkins	8	Away	5:30
Thur.	Nov. 7	Caldwell County	7/8	Home	6:00
Tue.	Nov. 12	Crittenden County	7/8	Home	6:00
Thur.	Nov. 14	Christ the King	7	Home	7:15
Mon.	Nov. 18	West Hopkins	8	Home	7:15
Fri.	Nov. 22	St. Ann's	8	Home	7:00
Mon.	Nov. 25	Caldwell County	7/8	Away	5:30
Tue.	Nov. 26	South Hopkins	8	Home	7:15
Fri.	Dec. 6	Murray	7/8	Home	6:00
Tue.	Dec. 10	West Hopkins	8	Away	7:00

Nashville Gets SEC Tourneys

The Southeastern Conference has agreed to make Nashville the primary home of its men's basketball tournament through 2026.

Commissioner Mike Slive announced Tuesday a deal with the Nashville Sports Council to hold nine men's tournaments in Music City in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024 and 2025. The deal also includes dates for three women's tournaments in 2018, 2022 and 2026.

Bridgestone Arena, home of the NHL's Nashville Predators, has a capacity of 18,160 for basketball.

Kentucky Introduces Another Top-Ranked Recruiting Class

By Gary B. Graves
AP Sports Writer

Kentucky coach John Calipari stops just short of calling his latest talented freshmen group the best ever because previous classes have featured top NBA draft picks and won an NCAA championship.

This class has yet to even play a game at Kentucky.

Still, Calipari hinted Tuesday his view could quickly change.

His eight-player freshmen contingent includes McDonald's All-Americans Dakari Johnson, twins Andrew and Aaron Harrison, James Young, Julius Randle and Marcus Lee. In-state players Dominique Hawkins and Derek Willis round out this latest crop.

The coach concedes that "this team is a lot deeper," suggesting he could possibly start five freshmen.

The talent has expectations of Kentucky winning a ninth national title high — especially after the

Wildcats went 21-12 last year and were upset in the NIT.

This Wildcat roster at least has Calipari thinking of fulfilling his dream of coaching an unbeaten national championship team.

"For eight years I've said that before I retire I'd like to coach a team that goes 40-0," Calipari said during media day. "Will it happen? I don't know. But we've got the will to win."

Kentucky certainly has the talent and experience to make a run.

Besides the freshmen, the Wildcats return 7-footer Willie Cauley-Stein and forward Alex Poythress, who bypassed the NBA draft for another year of college experience. They could provide the veteran leadership missing last season as Kentucky stumbled out of the rankings after starting No. 3 with that duo, Nerlens Noel and Archie Goodwin, now in the NBA.

Then again, Calipari sees potential leaders with his newcomers,

especially 6-foot-9 forward Julius Randle. The coach has referred to him as the "alpha beast" for his take-charge mentality but notes there are others ready to step and direct things.

Kentucky will need some floor generals to maintain focus with projections of a preseason No. 1 ranking and an unbeaten season along with its second championship in three years.

Such expectations are nothing new for a Kentucky program that has thrived with talented freshmen under Calipari, but none have had quite the hoopla surrounding this class. Calipari's challenge in choosing which five to play is a problem any coach would love to have.

Kentucky's fervent fan base is certainly eager to see how the line-up and rotation will look. They get their first chance to see at Friday night's sold-out Big Blue Madness at Rupp Arena.

National Champs Return With Reworked Backcourt

By Josh Abner
Associated Press

Louisville's revamped backcourt is already showing a toughness the Cardinals hope will serve them well as they prepare to defend their national championship.

No Louisville guard might be more resilient than junior Kevin Ware, still recovering from his horrific leg injury sustained during last year's NCAA tournament. Ware has yet to practice, but his rehab has progressed to the point where he plans to dress for the Cardinals' Nov. 9 opener against College of Charleston.

Until Ware returns, senior and leading scorer Russ Smith, junior transfer Chris Jones and freshman Terry Rozier are prepared to maintain Louisville's reputation for pressure defense. The Cardinals' newcomers also showed their offensive skills as they try to replace point guard Peyton Siva, whose floor leadership and defense were crucial in winning the title.

During Saturday's media day the attention was on Ware, who looked very happy shooting around with teammates as he works to get back on the court.

"I feel good," Ware said in his first appearance with the media

since Louisville's win over Michigan in Atlanta in April. "I'm just ready for Nov. 9, honestly. I'm ready for the opener."

Ware is rehabbing six days a week with a regimen including defensive slide drills and jumping rope on one leg. He can now leg press 205 pounds.

He's ready to join Smith, Jones and Rozier in what could be one of the nation's deepest and strongest backcourts.

"I kind of feel like we're stacked at every position but the guard play is really going to dominant scoring the ball," Ware said. "I feel like all of us can get in the paint and draw

fouls, but at the same time all of us can shoot the ball. It's going to be trouble for whoever's guarding us."

Jones, a 5-foot-10 junior and last season's junior college player of the year, and Rozier, a 6-1 freshman, join Smith with the task of filling Siva's shoes.

"These are really tough kids," Pitino said. "These are not your run-of-the-mill guys where they bend. They're tough guys, every one of them. Chris Jones, Russ Smith, Terry Rozier, they are tough kids. They don't back down to anybody."

Pitino added that the trio's modest upbringings and relatively

small statures have helped shape their tough court mentality.

"If you're growing up and your parents are giving you the keys to your BMW, you're probably not going to be too tough," he said. "When you don't have a whole lot in life, then you've got to fight for everything you get. You're going to have toughness. These kids aren't growing up with silver spoons in their mouth."

Said Jones of his Memphis roots, "coming from where I'm from and always being the smallest guy, I had to be tough in my neighborhood. It's brought me a long way."

Handshakes In Kentucky A Message For Politicians

SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



BOB WATKINS

America, I love this place! Even though sometimes it's a puzzler isn't it?

October brought us budget buzz and national debt ceiling squabbles in Washington D.C. and parades of talking heads to blab fests on CNN.

Meanwhile, in the real world — in Chattanooga, Tenn., the prayer before high school football games issue surfaced two weeks ago.

The Free-Press newspaper conducted a poll. Should prayer be allowed before public high school football games?

2,517 readers voted — 45 percent said Yes, 54 percent said No.

In the pantheon of mankind, prayer-before-games ... this is an issue.

In Kentucky, the hot topic of the day became handshakes after high school football games.

The KHSAA fumbled its response then rallied to say abolishing the hand shakes was a misunderstanding. Oops! Much ado about nothing, right?

Wrong!

In a time where politicians show us what arrogance, intransigence and hatefulness look like, there could be no better time for high school young men and coaches to seize-the-moment and show politicians they've lost the meaning. A handshake to demonstrate they realize postgame contact is as reach-across-field important symbolically as reach-across-the-aisle.

Opportunity for young men to show parents and opponents their education includes more than math and English and sixth period. It's about ideals too, personal discipline, respect and honor.

Since Kentucky rose up to magnify the issue, I'm betting high school athletes and coaches across the commonwealth will put added emphasis on shaking hands with opponents after games.

America, I love this place!

Mark Emmert & David Stern

A couple of fresh air ideas crossed the college basketball landscape last week that could have major impact in Kentucky.

NCAA commissioner Mark Emmert: "There is little support within the NCAA to convert student-athletes into paid employees."

The NCAA is reviewing, Emmert added, ways to legislate a stipend allowance for college athletes.

Says here, even a stipend opens another path to corruption. At some point a team's leading rusher, or best rebounder would expect more than the kid sitting in the last spot on the bench.

Emmert also addressed one-and-done.

"Why would we want to force someone to go to (college) when they really don't want to be there? But if you're going to come to us, you're going to be a student."

Why indeed, Commissioner.

David Stern, architect of one-and-done, weighed in on the subject Oct. 11. The NBA commissioner spoke to high school basketball prospects through Fox Sports: "Play for me and you'll not only get paid, but you'll also get a better education."

Better education than at institutes of higher learning? Brazen, but I like it.

Through the Houston Chronicle, Stern said, "I'm very proud of the development league. It's working. That march is continuing. The drum beat I hear about colleges not liking what they refer to as one-and-done ... we now have a rule where the development league will accept players that are 18 and will do a better job of educating them than the college programs they are in."

I like Stern's thinking. Even if the commish has scant few current NBA players who came through the D-League, and a very long list players from college.

Key linkage of course, is as always, money.

✓ Would salaries (and endorsement opportunities) make the D-League more alluring to high school stars than a college scholarship and going to class for seven months?

✓ College basketball media exposure and television is still a world ahead of a year in a bus league where crowds are in the hundreds and television time is zero.

Conclusion. If Emmert and Stern have their way, we could see that wonderful old American system kick in:

Open market competition.

"OK, Johnny Jump Shot, there's the university and here's the money. Your choice."

Impact closer to (our Old Kentucky) home? College recruiters would be forced to change philosophy, pitch the attributes of their schools again instead of assembly-line track to pro ball.

A separation of states. Student-athletes versus one-and-done mercenaries.

I'm rooting for David Stern's D-League approach. You?

Football mid-terms

Football at Louisville, Western Kentucky and Kentucky have arrived at mid-season. Mid-term grades:

Louisville (6-0), ranked No. 8 nationally, the Cardinals ought be proud (and grateful). Yet, to compare UofL with that other ranked team visiting the Bluegrass last week, is folly. No. 1 Alabama would roll UofL. Still, at mid-season the Cards are perfect. A-minus.

Western Kentucky (4-2), impressive defensively against Kentucky and Navy, disaster in Knoxville aside, the Hilltoppers improved steadily. Start of second half — maybe game of the year this week with Louisiana Lafayette at home. B-minus.

Kentucky (1-5), Record against SEC brutes aside, improvements on defense and offense have been modest. Most disappointing? Level of intensity against all but South Carolina. Two weeks to recover and prepare, Wildcats could turn a corner in Starkville next week. C-minus.

Worth repeating dept.

Best thing to happen to Jabari Parker at Duke U.?

Having Andrew Wiggins at Kansas to take heat off.

Wiggins' Sports Illustrated cover is latest expectation for a kid who's already traveled over the rainbow to a region we might call "ya better not fail!"

LeBron James tweeted a bit of comfort to Wiggins last week.

"... try to be the best student and the best teammate and the best player you can be every day," James told Rock Chalk Blog. "You got to live in the present."

And so it goes.

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Perfect Time To Paddle Kentucky River Pool 3

By Lee McClellan

Herds of buffalo roaming across Kentucky carved rudimentary roads into the Earth later used by the pioneers during the settlement period of our state's history. Many modern roads still roughly follow the paths carved by the huge bison as they made their way from stamping grounds to salt springs.

One of these buffalo trails ran from McConnell Springs in Fayette County and forded the Kentucky River at a shallow bar near the now extinct community of Leestown. This trail is now roughly U.S. 421 or Leestown Road. The distillery located there is called Buffalo Trace in recognition of this historic crossing.

After crossing the river, the buffalo climbed the river hills to the northwest, making their way toward the Ohio River. The movement and their wallowing scraped the vegetation from a prominent knob in the area, making it appear "bald." This moniker is still used to describe the northwest-ern part of Franklin County.

Paddlers may float over this famous buffalo crossing in the first stretch of Pool 3 of the Kentucky River. With peak autumn colors approaching, the next few weeks make fantastic times to paddle Pool 3. Canoeists and kayakers have several floats to view the last of the Kentucky River Palisades on this pool.

The first float of roughly 10 miles begins just downstream of Lock and Dam 4 in Frankfort at the Buffalo Trace Ramp on Leestown Bar. This ramp requires a membership fee to use. For more information on use of this ramp, call 1-800-654-8471. Those who plan to float this section should plan on a long day of paddling, so put in early in the morning.

The tailwater just below Lock and Dam 4 provides fishing for white bass, hybrid striped bass and black bass. Just downstream in the bend where the ramp is located, smallmouth bass hang on the rocks of Leestown Bar and Jolly Roger bar, especially when the river has good current.

The Palisades are still evident in the upper section of Pool 3 and this makes for spectacular scenery in October. The bluffs are not as intimate as in the upriver section of the Palisades, but they still provide a sense of awe, especially when framed by leaves at their peak of color.

Just downstream on the left is a rock shelf known as Pettys Ripple Bar that holds largemouth bass. Working a medium-running crawfish-colored crankbait across this bar should draw strikes.

The river then bends to the right and straightens for a



time before bending left. Just past the left bend, Stony Creek enters on the left. Sunken trees, root wads and other woody cover in the mouth of Stony Creek provide good fishing for crappie and bluegill.

The river then turns hard to the right around Steamboat Hollow Bend. Steamboat Hollow Creek meets the Kentucky on the left. The rocky bar at the mouth of the creek provides an excellent spot to fish for largemouth and smallmouth bass by swimming a 3/16-ounce brown and orange jig and trailer combination just over the bottom.

Steamboat Hollow was the site of an early 1800s boatyard, producing paddle boats such as the all locust wood Locust Lexington and the side-wheeler Plowboy that plied the Kentucky and other rivers.

The take-out lies around another bend on the right at the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Steele Branch Boat Ramp at the end of Steele Branch Road off U.S. 127. There is ample parking at this ramp. Some maps show the Kentucky River Campgrounds Ramp just upstream, but you must stay in that campground to use it.

The float of a little over three miles begins at the Steele Branch Boat Ramp and concludes at the Stillwaters Campground Ramp in the last mile of Elkhorn Creek. This makes an excellent half-day float with good fishing.

Anglers should paddle the ¾-mile back upstream and fish Hawkins Bar at the mouth of Steele's Branch with 4-inch green pumpkin-colored curly-tailed grubs rigged on 3/16-ounce leadheads for smallmouth bass.

The river presents fewer exposed bluffs in this stretch, but the scenery is still exemplary. After a long gentle bend to the right that consumes most of this paddle, the river then takes a hard left around Elkhorn Bend. This sharp bend presented a challenge to riverboat pilots pushing barges at high water.

The rock and sandbar on the inside (left) of Elkhorn bend is a good place to fish for smallmouth bass. As the paddler makes their way into Lower Elkhorn Bend, Elkhorn Creek meets the river on the right. The take-out is a short way upstream on Elkhorn Creek at the Stillwaters Campground Ramp on the right. There is a \$3 fee to use this ramp.

The Stillwaters Campground has a nearly 100-year history of providing access, camping, swimming, paddling and

fishing on the Kentucky River. The Quire family built the Mayflower Hotel and Fishing Camp in 1921 at the mouth of the Elkhorn and it operated until extensively damaged by the infamous 1937 flood. It was later bought and converted to a campground that remains today.

A nice fishing side trip for paddlers is to continue upstream of the boat ramp on Elkhorn Creek and stop at the first riffle. Tie up the boats and wade upstream for excellent smallmouth bass fishing.

The lower section of Elkhorn downstream of this riffle holds largemouth bass, catfish and muskellunge.

The next float of nearly 7-miles begins at the Stillwaters Campground Ramp and concludes at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Sand Ripple Creek Voluntary Public Access Area (VPA). A towering rock bluff greets paddlers on the left at the beginning of this float. The river then flows straight past the extinct community of Polsgrove and the mouth of Flat Creek. The lower stretch of Flat Creek offers productive fishing for largemouth bass and bluegill.

The Kentucky then takes a nearly 90 degree turn to the right into Payton Bend, another treacherous spot for riverboat pilots. The river bends back on itself as it flows into Owen County and around Webbs Bend before bending right again into the mouth of Sand Ripple Creek.

The take-out is just downstream of the mouth of Sand Ripple Creek. The lower section of this creek and the bar opposite its mouth offer good fishing for largemouth and Kentucky bass.

Canoe Kentucky offers canoe and kayak rentals on Pool 3 of the Kentucky River. Stillwaters Campground also offers canoe rentals and camping facilities. Kentucky River Campground also has camping and river access to Pool 3 for campers.

Hunters Can Now Pursue Coyotes At Night

New regulations allow hunters to use a shotgun to take coyotes at night year round. Lights or night vision equipment can only be used from Feb. 1 through May 31.

"This new opportunity offers landowners another tool to assist in the removal of coyotes associated with livestock depredation," said Steven Dobey, furbearer program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Coyotes are generally less wary at night and hunting at this time can result in increased harvest success."

While Kentucky's General Assembly enacted a law allowing night hunting of coyotes earlier this year, lawmakers left it to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to create regulations for the seasons. The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission approved the new regulations in the spring; the proposed regulations recently won all the necessary approvals from legislative committees to open a season.

A shotgun loaded with shells up to size T is the only legal firearm for night coyote hunting. Hunters will not be able to use slugs. Decoys and electronic calls will be allowed.

Hunters on private property must have permission from landowners to be there. "In developing these new regulations, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has taken special precautions to prevent the illegal harvest of antlered deer and minimize human safety concerns," Dobey said. "No hunter should jeopardize those precautions by trespassing just because they are hunting at night."

The night light season will correspond with the time of year when deer have shed their antlers. This should lessen the motivation to poach deer. Late winter is also when vegetation is at its lowest, food is most scarce and when coyotes are actively breeding, making them easier to call into a set up. Lights cannot be connected to or cast from a

vehicle. Any color of light can be used.

Daytime hunting for coyotes is open year round. Hunters may use shotguns, centerfire rifles, bows, crossbow, air guns with a minimum size of .22-caliber and rimfire rifles during daylight hours.

There is no limit on the number of coyotes which hunters may take at night or during the day.

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Four Turns

- 1 DOUBLE DIGITS** Brad Keselowski's win in Charlotte was his 10th career Cup Series victory. Keselowski has garnered the wins in only 156 starts. The win was the defending champion's first at Charlotte Motor Speedway. He has multiple wins at two tracks: Bristol (2) and Talladega (2).
- 2 POTENTIAL IN DEBUT** Kyle Larson made his Cup Series debut in the Bank of America 500 on Saturday. Driving a Phoenix Racing Chevy prepared by Earnhardt-Ganassi Racing, the 21-year-old qualified 21st and was running 16th when the engine in the car failed on lap 247. He finished 37th. Larson will make his second Cup start in two weeks in Martinsville.
- 3 MORE 2014 PLANS UNVEILED** Germain Racing announced on Oct. 11 that it would enter into a technical alliance with Richard Childress Racing for the 2014 Sprint Cup season. The team, which has campaigned the No. 13 Ford for the last two years, will switch to Chevrolet and receive technology sharing, engineering as well as research and development from RCR. Casey Mears has piloted Germain's Cup cars since Aug. 2010. He also drove RCR's No. 07 Chevy in 2009.
- 4 TIGHT AT THE TOP** Austin Dillon and Sam Hornish Jr. continued their Nationwide Series championship battle in Charlotte. Dillon finished second to Kyle Busch in Friday's Dollar General 300, while Hornish was third. The gap between the two sits at eight points with three races remaining.

Sprint Cup Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Matt Kenseth (7)	2225	—
2. Jimmie Johnson (5)	2221	-4
3. Kevin Harvick (3)	2196	-29
4. Jeff Gordon	2189	-36
5. Kyle Busch (4)	2188	-37
6. Greg Biffle (1)	2167	-58
7. Kurt Busch	2166	-59
8. Clint Bowyer	2162	-63
9. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2159	-66
10. Carl Edwards (2)	2158	-67
11. Joey Logano (1)	2150	-75
12. Ryan Newman (1)	2147	-78
13. Kasey Kahne (2)	2144	-81

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14. Brad Keselowski (1)	874	-1351
15. Jamie McMurray	872	-1353
16. Martin Truex Jr. (1)	828	-1397
17. Paul Menard	825	-1400
18. Aric Almirola	796	-1429
19. Marcos Ambrose	783	-1442
20. Jeff Burton	780	-1445

Nationwide Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Austin Dillon	1067	—
2. Sam Hornish Jr. (1)	1059	-8
3. Regan Smith (2)	1015	-52
4. Justin Allgaier	997	-70
5. Elliott Sadler	989	-78
6. Trevor Bayne (1)	976	-91
7. Brian Scott	974	-93
8. Brian Vickers	970	-97
9. Kyle Larson	910	-157
10. Parker Kligerman	893	-174

Truck Standings

DRIVER (WINS)	POINTS	BEHIND
1. Matt Crafton (1)	644	—
2. James Buescher (2)	603	-41
3. Ty Dillon (1)	591	-53
4. Jeb Burton (1)	571	-73
5. Miguel Paludo	567	-77
6. Timothy Peters (2)	559	-85
7. Ryan Blaney (1)	552	-92
8. Johnny Sauter (2)	541	-103
9. Darrell Wallace Jr.	538	-106
10. Brendan Gaughan	520	-124

Throttle Up/Throttle Down

JIMMIE JOHNSON Johnson and Team Lowe's have come to life in the Chase once again, with five runs of sixth or better in the playoff's first five races for an average finish of 4.0.

MARK MARTIN Since taking over for Tony Stewart in a relief role in the No. 14 Chevy, Martin has only one top-10 finish (Richmond), while averaging a 22.1-place showing in eight races. Martin blew an engine in Charlotte and was relegated to a 42nd-place finish.

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Athlon Spotlight



Brad Keselowski performing post-race burnouts following his win in Saturday's Bank of America 500 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. (ASP, Inc.)

Slump-Buster

Keselowski ends skid, wins Bank of America 500 in Charlotte

By MATT TALIAFERRO
Athlon Sports Racing Editor

Brad Keselowski has endured his fair share of frustration in the 2013 season.

While the defending NASCAR Sprint Cup champion looked the part through the spring, a rocky summer stretch found him and his No. 2 Penske Racing team outside of NASCAR's Chase looking in — the result of engine failures, crashes and general performance issues the bunch has been unable to shake.

So to say it's not been the encore performance the team and its charismatic driver anticipated following a five-win, breakout campaign in 2012 would be an understatement.

However, for at least one night in 2013, the group found its previously-missing opportunistic ways.

Keselowski took advantage of a late caution flag at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Saturday and held off a dominant Kasey Kahne over the final nine laps to record his first victory of the season in the Bank of America 500.

"All season long we've had the speed," Keselowski said. "We've had what we need to be a championship team. We just haven't put them all together. All the pieces haven't come together on the nights that count, and they for the most part did tonight."

Keselowski overcame trouble on pit road to snag the win, his 10th

career triumph on the Sprint Cup circuit. On lap 87 of 334, the jack on the No. 2 car hung as the team changed tires. Keselowski sped away with it wedged under his car, forcing him to venture back onto pit road and, ultimately, to 22nd on the scoring pylon.

"I thought, when I saw the jack under the car, I thought, 'Here we go again, not a good night,'" team owner Roger Penske said.

And who could blame him? While Keselowski fought through traffic over the next 230 laps, Hendrick Motorsports' four-car team of Kahne, Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. ran roughshod, leading all but 21 laps.

While Kahne paced the field for a race-high 138 laps, it was his teammate and championship-contending teammate Johnson who looked poised for victory.

Having led 51 laps already, Johnson took a commanding lead late, sitting on point for 79 uninterrupted circuits.

That changed on lap 312, when a caution waved for debris on the backstretch — a development that changed the complexion of the event.

On the ensuing restart, Johnson slipped to seventh while Kahne assumed the lead. Keselowski, who restarted sixth, made his run, which was benefitted by four fresh tires.

The duo slugged it out for the top spot until Keselowski made his final, race-winning pass with nine laps remaining.

"You know the guys that already have the track position, they're not going to want to give it up, so you know they're going to most likely do the two-tire stop," said Keselowski's crew chief, Paul Wolfe.

"So for us to beat them or to have a better shot at beating them, you need to do something a little different, and with not many cars on the lead lap, for me it was — I thought it was a pretty easy call to take four tires at that point."

Kahne finished second, followed by points-leader Matt Kenseth, Johnson and Kyle Busch.

"Tonight was a good battle," Kahne said. "(Keselowski) had four tires and I had two, and I did all I could, and he just got by me and cleared me."

"I don't know, I always race him pretty good, and we raced hard. I don't really know what else to say about it."

Kenseth takes a slim four-point advantage in the championship standings over Johnson into the Chase's ultimate wild card stop: Talladega Superspeedway.

"You can sit and be nervous and think about crashing and think about losing points or you can look at it as an opportunity and look forward to going there," Kenseth said of racing with restrictor plates at Talladega. "Anything can happen, but go there and try to work hard and try to keep your car positioned up front somewhere and lead some laps and go try to win the thing. That's kind of the attitude I go with."

■ Michael Waltrip Racing's Brian Vickers will miss the remainder of the season after a small blood clot was found in his right calf region.

Vickers missed the majority of the 2010 season with the same issue.

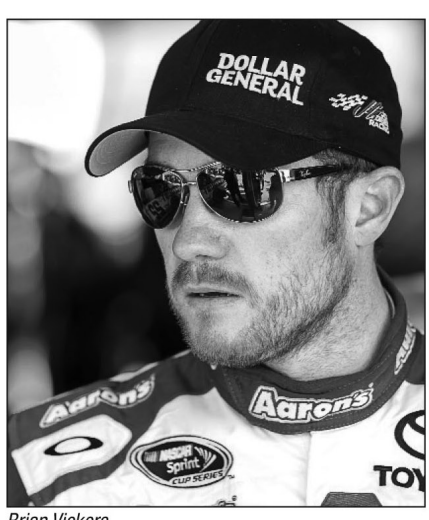
Vickers says his physicians are confident he'll return for the 2014 season, when he'll campaign MWR's No. 55 Toyota full-time.

"If there's anything to be positive about with (Monday's) news it's that this is only a temporary setback," said Vickers. "The timing for this is never good, but I'm glad we'll get it out of the way now and be ready to run for a championship with the Aaron's Dream Machine in 2014."

Since taking over the No. 55 full-time from Mark Martin in late June, Vickers has one win (New Hampshire) and two additional top-10 finishes.

Michael Waltrip will drive the No. 55 in this weekend's race at Talladega. A replacement driver will be named at a later date.

News & Notes



Brian Vickers

■ On Monday, the Associated Press reported that Michael Waltrip Racing will scale back to a two-car team in 2014, with its No. 56 car running a limited schedule.

In addition, FOXSports.com reported that the Cornelius, N.C.-based organization will realign with a 15 percent reduction of its workforce.

The No. 56 team, with driver Martin Truex Jr., will lose its primary sponsor, NAPA Auto Parts, at season's end following race manipulation penalties incurred at Richmond International Raceway in September.

Team co-owners Michael Waltrip and Rob Kauffman have given Truex permission to look for options elsewhere.

Along with the aforementioned Vickers in the No. 55 car, Clint Bowyer will return to the No. 15 MWR Toyota in 2014, as will sponsor 5-Hour Energy.

Tracks on Tap

SPRINT CUP SERIES
Race: Camping World RV Sales 500
Track: Talladega Superspeedway
Location: Talladega, Ala.
When: Sunday, Oct. 20
TV: ESPN (Noon)
Layout: 2.66-mile tri-oval
Banking/Turns: 33 degrees
Banking/Tri-Oval: 18 degrees
Banking/Straightaways: 2 degrees
2012 Winner: Matt Kenseth
Crew Chief's Take: "Talladega is classic restrictor plate racing. I really don't care for the place that much, but the fans love it because of the crashes and all that. I liked it when we were unrestricted and when guys could race a little and get away from one another and use the slingshot move. But that's gone out the window, and you just ride around there and wait on the Big One to happen, which makes the drivers and crew feel sort of helpless. It's all about being at the right place at the right time with the right push at the end."

NATIONWIDE SERIES
Race: O'Reilly Auto Parts 300
Track: Texas Motor Speedway
Location: Fort Worth, Texas
When: Saturday, Nov. 2
TV: ESPN2 (2:30 p.m.)
2012 Winner: Kevin Harvick

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES
Race: Fred's 250 powered by Coca-Cola
Track: Talladega Superspeedway
Location: Talladega, Ala.
Date: Saturday, Oct. 19
TV: FOX SPORTS 1 (3:00 p.m.)
2012 Winner: Parker Kligerman

Classic Moments

Talladega Superspeedway
No one knew at the time that they were witnessing what would be Dale Earnhardt's last Cup Series win. But everyone knew they were witnessing something special.

Earnhardt, in vintage "Intimidator" fashion, used a strong draft from Kenny Wallace to rocket from 18th to first in four laps and win the 2000 Winston 500 at Talladega Superspeedway as 170,000 paying witnesses howled their approval.

Earnhardt, who would lose his life in a crash on the final lap of the following year's Daytona 500, won for the 10th time at Talladega — a track where he was worshipped like no other — and claimed the \$1 million Winston No Bull 5 bonus money in addition to his race earnings.

The win, his 76th, only added to the famous folklore that Earnhardt could "see the air" at Talladega and Daytona International Speedway, NASCAR's two restrictor-plate tracks where drafting is the key to winning.

Air vision or no air vision, Earnhardt had a knack for navigating Talladega like few others, and his victory that day served as the quintessential reminder.

Athlon Fantasy Stall

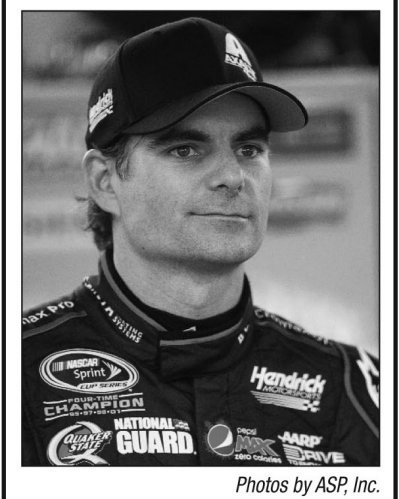
Looking at Checkers: Brad Keselowski leads all drivers with a 12.6-place average finish at Talladega, but good luck predicting which side of that he'll be on this trip.

Pretty Solid Pick: It's hard to not mention Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s five wins in 27 'Dega starts. That's second among active drivers to Jeff Gordon's six.

Good Sleeper Pick: Remember David Ragan's May Talladega win? Yeah, these things happen here.

Runs on Seven Cylinders: Kyle Busch owns one Talladega win, but averages a 22.9-place finish in 17 starts.

Insider Tip: The ultimate wild card track, it's all about getting the right push at the right time in Alabama.

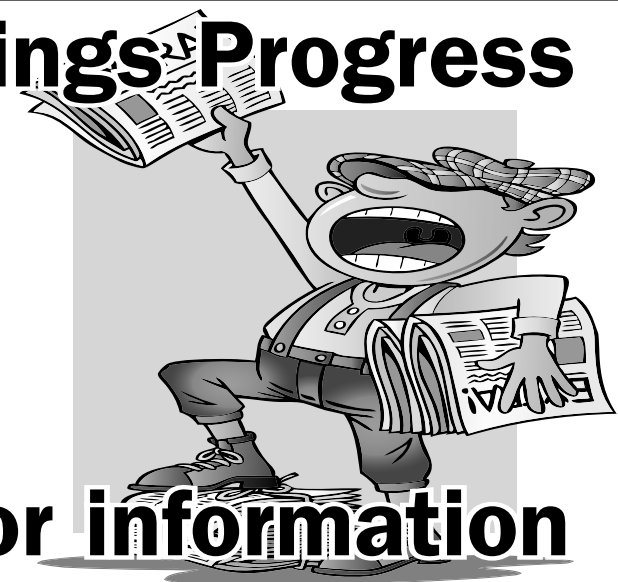


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REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE REJECTS THEM

State Educators Push New Science Standards Ahead

By Jim Warren
Lexington Herald-Leader

Kentucky educators are pushing ahead with preparations to implement new Next Generation Science Standards in Kentucky classrooms by next fall, although the standards' ultimate fate could be up to the General Assembly.

Gov. Steve Beshear decided last month to implement the new science requirements even though a legislative review subcommittee rejected them as "deficient."

While Beshear's move allows preparations to go forward, legislators could override the governor and kill the standards when the General Assembly meets in January.

During the coming months, the Kentucky Department of Education plans meetings across the state with science educators from every school district to go over the standards and start planning how to put them to use by fall 2014.

Educators also will be busy "helping to clarify a lot of the misconceptions about the standards," said Karen Kidwell, director of program standards for the state education department.

"We're going forward because we believe, based on feedback from teachers and the science-education community, that these are the right standards for Kentucky students," Kidwell said.

The standards establish the science concepts and skills Kentucky students would be expected to master in grades K-12. They were drafted cooperatively by Kentucky and 25 other states.

The Kentucky Board of Education has approved the standards twice, and they've been endorsed by numerous science groups. Education officials say that most of the approximately 4,000 public comments they've received about the regulations have been positive.

Opponents, including

some members of the public and such organizations as the Family Foundation of Kentucky, have attacked the standards on various grounds. Some argue that the standards treat evolution as fact rather than theory. Others claim the guidelines overemphasize global climate issues while ignoring other areas of science.

Last month, two conservative groups — Take Back Kentucky and Kentuckians Against Common Core Standards — circulated online alerts urging Kentuckians to contact state legislators in opposition to the standards. Among other points, the alerts argued that the new standards would provide for the "elimination of chemistry and most of physics" in Kentucky schools.

But the standards provide for no such thing, according to various Kentucky educators who helped prepare the new requirements during the past three years.

"As far as eliminating

chemistry and physics ... that couldn't be further from the truth," said David Helm, middle and high school science specialist for Fayette County Public Schools.

Martin Brock, an associate professor of chemistry at Eastern Kentucky University who worked on the standards, said there was no reason to fear that chemistry or physics would be weakened.

"Topics in the standards having to do with chemistry and physics — such as heat, energy, motion and gravitation — are abundant, certainly more abundant than any climate-related topics," Brock said. "I can show you places in the new standards where they significantly raise the bar in chemistry, physics and others areas. They haven't taken chemistry out; they've made it better."

It's unclear how much response the conservative group's e-mail alerts generated.

But members of the leg-

islature's Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee said they were bombarded with calls and e-mails from people opposed to the science regulations. On Sept. 10, subcommittee members voted 5-1 during a meeting in Frankfort to find the standards deficient.

Sen. Ernie Harris, R-Prospect, the subcommittee's co-chair, estimated he received 100 messages opposing the standards and very few supporting them.

"It was probably 100 to two," he said. "I'm exaggerating, but it was overwhelmingly against the standards."

Sen. Joe Bowen R-Owensboro, a subcommittee member who voted against the standards, said he started getting calls and messages blasting the regulations about two weeks before the subcommittee met.

"A lot of people may assume this was all about evolution and climate change, and those issues were brought up by some people,"

Bowen said. "But the primary concern was individuals' perception that the standards did not promote chemistry, and to some extent physics, at the level they thought should be emphasized. That was a big concern."

Bowen said he and other subcommittee members suggested deferring action on the standards, but Kentucky Department of Education representatives declined. Afterward, subcommittee members thought it "was incumbent upon us" to find the standards deficient, he said.

"The department passed on the opportunity to defer action, and I think that was unfortunate," Bowen said. "It would have allowed them time to ... put the standards on display and let the public be exposed to them. Let them try to win over the public and make the argument that these standards really are what we need."

Harris said he wasn't convinced by claims that the standards might eliminate chemistry or physics. He reviewed the standards and found them lacking, Harris said.

"They appear to be less rigorous than the standards we have now," he said. "They are written almost as if they want students to understand the process of science without understanding the basics of science."

But Brock, the EKVU chemistry professor, said he thought many critics misunderstood the proposed standards. He also said he thought some critics might be following "a political agenda."

"In the science standards we have now, students are expected to know and be able to enumerate Isaac Newton's three laws of motion," Brock said. "But the new standards say that students will be able to generate data to show that those laws are correct."

"That's pushing the capability of students way beyond simply enumerating a set of laws, to seeing the background by which those laws are actually true. In any imaginable sense of rigor, that's a higher standard."

Thomas Tretter, an associate professor of science education at the University of Louisville, also insisted the new standards go well beyond what students are expected to learn now.

"I would claim the new standards are more rigorous because they require students to not only know words and definitions, but how they all work together," Tretter said.

Convincing members of the legislature might take a more concerted effort.

Bowen didn't rule out the possibility of a move to overturn the standards when the legislature meets next year.

"I would say that there are those in the General Assembly that are perhaps even more motivated than those of us on the subcommittee to push back on these standards," he said.

KENTUCKY STATEWIDE READING PROJECT — CHAPTER 6

OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD

A KENTUCKY ADVENTURE

Story By Leigh Anne Florence
Illustrated by Chris Ware

"What is that smell?" Chloe asked Pa as the nasty odor filled the truck.

"That's cow manure," Pa explained.

"Cow manure?" I repeated, unsure of what cow manure was but happy I wasn't responsible for the rancid scent.

"Yes," Pa confirmed, "cow manure."

"I don't want to be crude, Pa," I said, "but it smelled like somebody used the bathroom — and for a moment I was scared it was me!"

"Somebody did use the bathroom, son," Pa answered, "the cows."

The look on our face was priceless.

For centuries farmers have used animal waste — or manure as it's called — to fertilize crops," Pa explained.

"Fertilize?" I asked.

"Yes, fertilize," Pa repeated. "Fertilizers are put on top of the soil to produce better crops. Cow manure contains properties to help those crops grow."

"What kind of crops?" Chloe asked. "You have a dairy farm, and this is a beef cattle farm. I don't know much about farming, but I do know you don't plant cows!"

"You're correct, Chloe," Pa said, "but even dairy and cattle farmers still grow crops. We grow gardens so we can have fresh vegetables to eat and so our cows can have corn and hay to eat. Sometimes we sell extra hay or corn to other farmers, which gives us extra income. Since my cows produce milk and these cows at this farm are used for beef, we want them to consume top-quality hay or corn so they produce top-quality milk and beef. Of course, there are farmers who grow crops such as corn, soybeans, vegetables, tobacco or hay as their primary source of income. Kentucky ranks number 1 in the production of non-alfalfa hay."

"They must really think cow poop is good stuff," I said, making everyone giggle.

As we looked around the farm, I noticed something missing. "Where are the Brown Swiss cows?" I asked Pa.

"Well, Woody, here comes the farmer. You



can ask her."

"Her?" I said.

"Girls can be farmers just like boys," Chloe responded, looking smug.

"Your smart sister is correct," Pa said as a very pretty — and small — young lady appeared. "Woody, Chloe, this is my friend Lauren. She is one of the best beef cattle farmers in the state. Lauren, say hello to my friends Woody and Chloe."

We held out our right paws for Farmer Lauren to shake.

"Farmer Lauren," I asked in my clearest voice, "do you have any Brown Swiss cows? They're my favorite."

"Brown Swiss are more of a dairy cow, Woody," Lauren said, "not a beef cow. Some cows produce better beef than others, just as some cows produce better milk than others. If you look all around the farm, you will see Angus, Hereford and a rarer breed of cattle known as Wagyu."

"Why are the cows wearing earrings, Farmer Lauren?" Chloe asked.

"Those are ear tags, sweetie," Lauren said. "Since we have more than 200 cows here, it can get very confusing. The tags help me identify them. Each cow has a tag that contains an AIN, or animal identification number. It tells me information such as when the cow was born and which herd he or she came from. It also allows me to keep better records."

"I didn't know farmers used computers!" I said.

"Sure we do," Lauren replied. "We use computers, math, science and many other subjects I learned in school."

"Guess I better study all my subjects harder,"

I told Farmer Lauren. "Chloe and I went to the milk barn and helped Pa milk the cows. Can we go to the meat barn and help you meat the cows?"

Lauren looked at Pa before she answered. "It might take a beef cow a few years before it is ready to produce meat. And even then, it can be a complicated process. Why don't I show you around the farm?"

I had a funny feeling Farmer Lauren wasn't telling me the entire story, so I made a mental note to ask Mom and Dad about the process of making beef.

Chloe, Pa and I followed Lauren as she took us to various pastures and pointed out different cattle. "The solid black cows are Angus, and those with the reddish-brown bodies and white faces are Hereford."

Listening to Farmer Lauren, we learned so much about cattle. I couldn't wait to tell Mom and Dad all the things I'd learned. As I was thinking about my parents, I saw some familiar faces. I grabbed Chloe's paw and pulled her as I ran as quickly as I could to see our friends. Barking and sprinting made it difficult to hear, but I faintly heard Pa and Farmer Lauren screaming at Chloe and me to come back.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★

★ Moderate ★ ★ Challenging
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MISTER BREGER by Dave Breger

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

TRIVIA TEST

1. MEASUREMENTS: How long is a stade, an early Greek measurement?
2. MOVIES: What movie featured the Bing Crosby song "Swinging on a Star"?
3. AD SLOGANS: What car-rental company's slogan was "We try harder"?
4. GAMES: In parcheesi, what number do you have to roll to move a piece to its starting position?
5. TELEVISION: What TV series showed network television's first interracial kiss?
6. MEDICAL: What ancient food has been traditionally used as an ointment for wounds?
7. COMICS: What breed of dog is Charlie Brown's Snoopy?
8. MUSIC: What was the name of the pop band that had a 1990s hit with "Hold My Hand"?
9. BIBLE: How old was David when he became king of Israel?
10. LITERATURE: What was pseudonym of author Karen Blixen?

Answers
1. About 600 feet, or the length of a stadium
2. "Going My Way"
3. Avis Rent A Car
4. Five
5. "Star Trek"
6. Honey
7. Beagle
8. Hootie and the Blowfish
9. About 30 years old
10. Isak Dinesen ("Out of Africa")

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SUPER CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Microwave brand
6 Elocution pro
12 Where to trade used articles
20 Actresses Rue and Ramirez
21 Kid-lit "pest"
22 Slim cigar
23 He acquired 1,093 U.S. patents
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26 Fashionable Giorgio
27 Bouncers' requests
28 Tree for a bark beetle
29 — accompi (thing done)
30 Wiped out
31 Unlawfully loud sound
37 Boss — ("The Dukes of Hazzard" role)
39 Creature catchers
40 "Milk" Oscar winner
41 Entreat
44 Waitress at Mel's Diner
46 Boise-to-Phoenix dir.
47 German "a"
48 Post-opposite
51 Moo shu and fu yung, e.g.
55 Little — (small fry)
56 Lab rodent
57 Giving sort
58 Hebrides isle
59 Global financial org.
60 "— la vie"
61 Top-billing sharers
63 Pants folds
67 Kansas city
69 Area with lots of lofts
72 Nor'easters, e.g.
74 Eyeballer
75 Joy, for one
78 With 109-Down, military centers
79 "Conan" aier
81 Be on a slant
83 New, to Juan
84 Poolroom stick
85 Big beagle feature
86 Judge's rejection
90 He's a real doll
91 Lilted song syllable
92 Rainbow part
93 Cameron of "In Her Shoes"
94 Three, in Bari
95 Killer serves
96 Perfect
99 Individuals
101 It's often given by business suppliers for bulk ordering
106 Melville whaler
110 Baldwin of "The Edge"
111 Suffix with salt
112 Catering vessel
113 91-Across follower, perhaps
115 Opened, as an envelope
118 They're hidden in this puzzle's six longest answers
121 Revealed
122 Meets with old classmates
123 Unsensible
124 When required
125 Is napping
126 Big parties
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1 Take — at (attempt)
2 Olympic skier Phil
3 Sweet smell
4 Football great Joe
5 Comfortable — old shoe
6 Galena, e.g.
7 Circle lines
8 In among
9 One hurling something
10 Lady with Lennon
11 Legged it
12 Wheat sold in health-food stores
13 Madame Tussauds, e.g.
14 Colony critter
15 Duffer's goal
16 Tennis great Edberg
17 Virile dude
18 — acid (fat substance)
19 Cut and —
24 Scorches
28 Tricky curves
32 Monstrous
33 Bit of pepper
34 "— dixit"
35 Notify again
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38 Kind of pitch
41 Electrically flexible
42 "Scat!"
43 Sisters and aunts, e.g.
45 Hoopla
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100 Briny
101 Zahn of TV
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To Your Good Health

by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.
High Blood Pressure Risk and Medication

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have corrected my high blood pressure using medication, exercise and diet. My blood pressure is now between 105/65 and 110/70. I started medication when I had consistant readings in the high 130s and low 140s for systolic and 85 to 90 for diastolic. When considering all the warnings and risk factors for people with high blood pressure, do I fit into that category? Or, can I safely assume I no longer have high blood pressure? -- D.R.

ANSWER: Normal blood pressure is now defined as systolic (the top number) of less than 120 AND diastolic of less than 80. High blood pressure is systolic over 140 OR diastolic over 90. Any levels in between are now labeled "prehypertension," indicating that these often go up over time. High blood pressure puts a person at higher risk for heart disease and stroke.

In your situation, you said it exactly right. You have "corrected" your high blood pressure. If you were to stop your medicine, stop exercising and no longer be careful with your diet, we would expect your blood pressure to go back up, so it's important to keep doing

all those things -- and you are to be congratulated on outstanding control.

Medical authorities are still divided about whether treated high blood pressure gives the same low risk for heart disease and stroke as natural low blood pressure, but it is my opinion that after years of careful blood pressure control, the risks of heart disease lower to the same level as if you had never had high blood pressure, especially if, like you, you were treated early.

High blood pressure is one risk factor for stroke. The booklet on stroke explains this condition that is deservedly feared by all. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 902W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have a serious sweet tooth, and I'm concerned about getting diabetes. Mostly, I crave candy. My last fasting blood sugar reading was 109. I am an 84-year-old woman weighing 134 pounds. Do I have to worry? --

ANSWER: A fasting blood sugar level of 109 is not normal, but is not high enough to say that you have

diabetes (the number for that diagnosis is 126 or higher). It does mean you need to follow up with your doctor.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I had an exploratory laparotomy with a right hemicolectomy. The postoperative diagnosis was perforated appendix and hemicolectomy specimen. What is this? -- L.J.

ANSWER: Your appendix, the narrow wormlike tube that dangles from the base of the right side of the colon, became inflamed. Its slender central cavity was blocked, and bacteria grew in the blocked cavity. That caused swelling. The appendix finally burst and spilled bacteria into the abdominal cavity. Treatment included surgical removal of the appendix and the right side of the colon. You are proof that appendicitis (inflammation of the appendix) is not always a routine matter.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

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PEOPLE

New Beginnings To Host First Halloween Festival

New Beginnings-Caldwell County Animal Shelter will hold its first ever Halloween Festival Oct. 24 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. The festival features free games and prizes for the children, trick-or-treating and a costume contest. Tours of the Haunted Pound are \$2 per person. To enter the chili cook-off, bring a favorite recipe sampling by the shelter throughout the day. Entry fees are \$5 and include free admission for the Haunted Pound. Trophies will be awarded for the chili cook-off and costume contest winners. Fall pictures will be avail-

able with Little Red Riding Hood and shelter dog Tank as the Big Bad Wolf. Concessions will also be available. All proceeds go to benefit shelter pet health and wellness. New Beginnings Animal Shelter is located at 489 Baker Hill Road in Princeton. On Oct. 25 from 5 to 8 p.m., New Beginnings will join the Christian County Animal Shelter for the Chili Festival at Millbrooke Elementary School. Adoptable pets from both shelters will be on hand for a petting zoo and will be available for adoption.



LORI WOOTON holds her granddaughter Audria Scott at the PTO Fall Festival Friday, Sept. 27, at the school.

photo by Sheldon Mitchell

October Named Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Gov. Steve Beshear and first lady Jane Beshear joined the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association, Attorney General Jack Conway and legislators Oct. 9 to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Kentucky. “Domestic violence crosses all spectrums — no matter your race, religion, economic or social standing. Anyone can be affected,” said Gov. Beshear. “One-third of Kentucky women report being abused at least once during their lifetime, and it is our duty as public officials, citizens, friends and neighbors to reduce this outspread of violence. Please join us in bringing awareness to the scope of domestic

abuse and support victims in your communities.” “Understanding the dynamics of domestic violence and abusive relationships is crucial to reducing risks to victims,” said Mrs. Beshear. “Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an opportunity for everyone to learn how to recognize the signs of domestic abuse and to show support for victims as they work to regain control of their lives.” In addition to commemorating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, state legislators also announced they will support a new dating domestic violence bill during the upcoming 2014 General Assembly.

Fort Campbell Workers Called Back To Jobs

By Carla Jimenez
Kentucky New Era

While the government shutdown remains in place for most federal departments, it seems all but over for the Department of Defense. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced Oct. 12 he would be directing the recall of most furloughed DoD employees. For Fort Campbell, this means the restoration of its 8,000-member civilian workforce and 100 percent of garrison command. It also means Blanchfield Army Medical Hospital will return to full staff, and the commissary will reopen. Bob Jenkins, spokesman for Fort Campbell, said the furloughed civilian workforce at Fort Campbell had been recalled because of the installation’s importance to the mission of the Army and the Department of Defense. “Because we are in direct support (of training and deploying soldiers), they looked at the way the guidance was written and said, ‘You know, we need to re-think this,’” Jenkins said. The furloughs for civilian employees at Fort

Campbell began at midnight Oct. 2, after Congress failed to reach an agreement to continue funding the federal government. With the recall of the civilian workforce, the shutdown lasted about one week, and because Congress passed the Pay our Military Act, all furloughed employees will be paid, but some won’t receive payment until Congress passes an appropriations bill. The civilian workforce came back to work, but Jenkins said a lot of the deadlines they had set before the shutdown had to be pushed back. Additionally, many administrative offices have incurred an even bigger backlog on top of furloughs from earlier in the year. “We were already working on clearing out backlogs from the previous furlough and we were just starting to get back on track, and now we’re pushed back a little bit again,” he said. “We’re still trying to make sure we’re meeting those deadlines. With fewer people around, you don’t have everybody you can delegate things to.” While the Department of Defense is bringing back most of its civilian workforce, other government workers remain furloughed.



KELSEY MILLER AND JOSEPH WINSTEAD Will be wed at Charleston Baptist Church

Kelsey Miller Will Marry Joseph Winstead Friday

Kelsey Miller and Joseph Winstead of Charleston, together with their parents, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Michael Miller of White Plains and Stephanie Crawford of Ilsley. The prospective groom is the son of David and Janet

Winstead of Charleston. The wedding will take place at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 25, 2013, at Charleston First Missionary Baptist Church. A reception will follow at the Dawson Springs Community Center. All family and friends are invited to the wedding and the reception.

Karen McKnight Attends Circuit Clerks College

Hopkins County Circuit Court Clerk Karen McKnight recently participated in the 2013 Circuit Court Clerks Summer College in Frankfort. The Administrative Office of the Courts provided the judicial education program June 4-5. The circuit clerks attended sessions on driver licensing, accounts receivable and the process for handling court filings by people seeking to have someone deemed disabled or court ordered to get treatment for alcohol and/or drug abuse. Susan Stokley Clary, clerk of the Supreme Court of Kentucky, was the keynote speaker for the college. The college also included an overview of legislation passed by the 2013 General Assembly and House Bill 308, which took effect in 2011. HB 308 requires

Kentucky to notify the FBI when a court finds an individual mentally incompetent. The FBI adds the person’s name to the National Instant Crime Background Check System, which federally licensed gun dealers use to screen their customers. Federal law prohibits the sale of guns to anyone adjudicated as mentally defective or who has been committed to a mental institution. The circuit clerks received an update from the Trust for Life program during the program. The KACCC sponsors Trust for Life to promote organ and tissue donation through driver licensing and the Kentucky Organ Donor registry. The college included eight hours of continuing education credit for the circuit clerks.



BREANNA MARIE SPRINGER gathers cash as she participates in Princeton’s First Southern National Bank’s Customer Appreciation Day Saturday, Oct. 12.

Times Leader photo

Spooky Extravaganza Scheduled At Pennyrile

Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park will host a Spooky Extravaganza Oct. 25-27. The weekend will feature events for lodge and cottage guests as well as campers. A showing of “Hocus Pocus” with free popcorn will take place at 8 p.m. Oct. 25 in the lodge meeting room. Other programs include a campsite decorating contest, a costume contest for children and adults, a pumpkin carving contest and Halloween arts and crafts. Trick-or-treating at the lodge and campground is scheduled for 4 p.m. Oct. 26. At 8 p.m. “Hotel Transylvania” will be

shown in the lodge meeting room. Several other resort parks, recreation parks and historic sites will also have special Halloween events this month. Many state resort parks have inexpensive rates for lodge rooms and cottages during the fall. Some of the park system’s campgrounds will have special activities for campers, including decorations, costumes, hayrides and games for the kids. For information or to make lodging or camping reservations, visit www.parks.ky.gov.



MARY ANN MILLER, with Kevin Noland, receives the 2013 Kevin M. Noland Award from the Kentucky Board of Education during its meeting in Frankfort.

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Mary Ann Miller Receives Kevin M. Noland Award

Mary Ann Miller, policy advisor for the commissioner and the Kentucky Board of Education, received the 2013 Kevin M. Noland Award from the Kentucky Board of Education last week. The award recognizes a Kentucky Department of Education employee for significant service to Kentucky’s public schools and for providing inspiration for education. Nominations are made by KDE staff. “She is the type of public servant who will not rest and who will not be at peace until Kentucky has reached its full potential,” her nominator wrote. “In her position as policy advisor, she is dedicated to making Kentucky’s public schools better with the goal of every child becoming college- and career-ready.” During the surprise presentation of the award, the former special education teacher was lauded for her incredible work ethic and de-

scribed as the often unsung hero of KDE. “Few people understand the role Mary Ann has played behind the scenes for more than 20 years in her service to KDE and the KBE,” said board chairman Roger Marcum. “In her position, she has been instrumental in connecting the dots between offices to ensure federal No Child Left Behind Act and Elementary and Secondary Education Act waiver requirements are met. She is the conscience of the agency and often is the one that asks the tough questions to make sure we get it right.” Miller, a graduate of Dawson Springs High School, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and special education from Murray State University and a Master of Arts in education learning disabilities. She is a former teacher at Dawson Springs Elementary School.

WKU’s Civil War Lecture Features Famed Historian

William C. “Jack” Davis, former executive director of the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies at Virginia Tech, will be the featured speaker for the Western Kentucky University History Department’s Second Annual Civil War lecture Oct. 24. Davis, author and editor of more than 50 books on the Civil War and Southern history, will present “John C. Breckinridge, Kentuckian and American” at 7 p.m. in Snell Hall, room 2113. Davis was the on-camera senior consultant for 52 episodes of the A&E/History

Channel series Civil War Journal, as well as a number of other productions on commercial and public television, including the BBC. He has acted as historical consultant for several television and film productions, including “The Blue and the Gray,” “George Washington” and “The Perfect Tribute.” Davis, who earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Sonoma State University, is the only three-time winner of the Jefferson Davis Award given for book-length works on Confederate history.

Ottenheimer Reunion Set

The third annual Ottenheimer reunion will be held Saturday at the Dawson Springs Community Center. All past employees are invited to attend and may bring a

guest. Doors will open at 10 a.m. with a potluck meal served at noon. Those attending are asked to bring a dish and their own drinks.